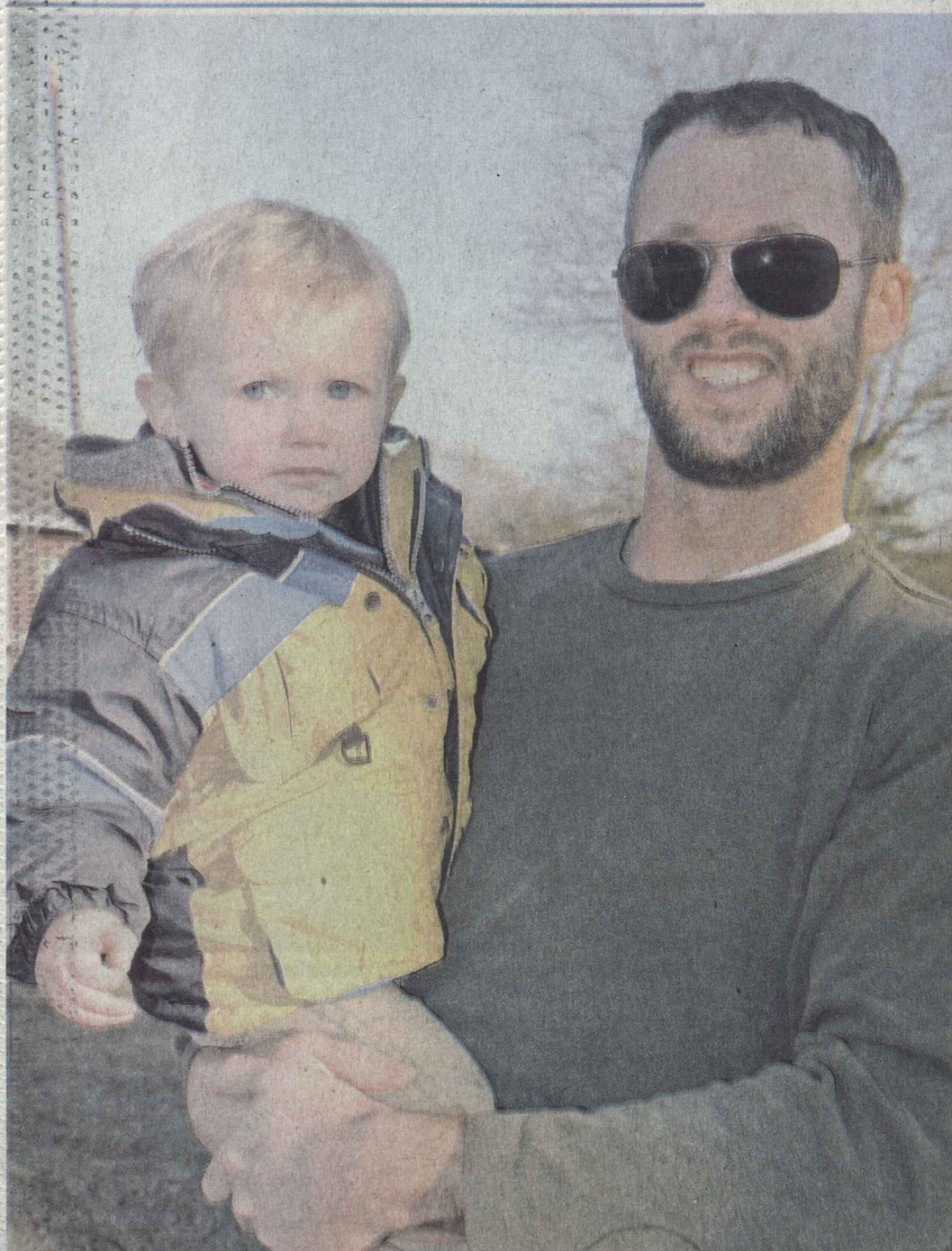




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Sam Morgan hopes to "Keep in better touch with his brothers" in 2015 and his son Charlie is going to "learn how to talk". Photo by Maureen Brady/www.shootingstarspix.com

Elections quickly approaching for open seats

By LISA KENNEDY-COX
News Correspondent
Town Crier

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Once again, it's time to consider or re-consider running for office in Wilmington. There are seats available in various branches, and nomination papers for Wilmington town



JAMES STEWART

through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

Offices open for election in the year 2015 include: 1 position on the Board of Selectmen, Michael Champoux seat available; 2 positions on the School Committee, Mary Jane Byrnes and Manny L. Mulas seats available; 1 Town Moderator position, James C. Stewart seat available; 1 position on Shawsheen Valley Technical High

School Committee, James Gillis seat available; and 1 Housing Authority position, Leona Bombard seat available.

There are a few other key dates to consider: Tuesday, March 3rd is the last day to take out nomination papers for certification. The last day to return papers for cer-



MICHAEL CHAMPOUX

offices will be available at the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall on 121 Glen Rd. beginning Friday, January 2, 2015. Office hours are Monday



MANNY MULAS

tification is Thursday, March 5th. Submittal must be done at the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 121

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- To learn and get work done on snow days ...

Burlington School district to pilot learning initiative

Success in Burlington could impact Tewksbury and Wilmington some (snowy) day

By MARK BIAGIOTTI
Staff Writer

BURLINGTON - Old fashioned snow days may be a thing of the past in Burlington as the School Committee recently approved an initiative that allows the district to be one of two in the state to pilot a program that offers opportunities for students to get instructional work done from home on snow days, which would supplant the traditional method of adding those missed days to the end of the school year in June.

Back in 1995, the Massachusetts Department

of Education (DOE) passed a Student Learning Time Regulations rule that required grades K-8 to fill 900 hours for a full year and 990 hours for high school students. Since then, these hour requirements have continued to be carried out over the standard 180-day school year.

School Supt. Dr. Eric Conti revealed that there has been pushback from superintendents throughout the state regarding these regulations, especially for missed days due to inclement weather.

"We feel that the tools and resources are now avail-

able to allow us to have effective learning without extending the school year to June," he stated, noting this feedback is not about reducing instructional time. "The argument I always make to the (Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Commissioner) is if we miss school on Jan 10, the comparable day is not Jan. 11, the comparable day is June 23. That is not an equivalent instructional argument."

Due to this common sentiment, many districts in the country are creating learning plans for students -

which account for time and learning - and it allows for a hard end-date to the end of the school year without extending the five days to accommodate for inclement weather in the winter months.

It did not take long for this initiative to pick up steam as a pilot program has been created in Massachusetts and Burlington and Wayland were selected as the only communities to get a chance to roll with it this year. Although the DOE granted this right to the districts, the pilot does not get utilized without

approval from the School Committee.

Since there isn't one set way of doing this pilot, there are three options the district can choose from, which are the most common options those outside of Massachusetts are using. It should be noted that this program is primarily for grades K-8, as districts aren't as concerned about high school students on snow days because they bring their iPads home and can submit work directly to their teacher via email on the school server.

Conti laid out the three ways communities are

doing this outside of the state, and they are as follows:

1) A "blizzard bag" - This bag would be sent home with students and if Conti were to call a snow day, the students would have "blizzard bag" work set for them. Conti affirmed there would be five of these bags to account for five snow days, and more if additional snow days took place. The bags would include worksheets, writing assignments, and anything else that would require some structured instructional time. Conti still urged stu-

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Vice President/Chef-Owner James T. Martin with Partner "GM" Rick Lowe opened "Tremezzo" Ristorante at 2 Lowell St. in Wilmington. Both men have extensive experience in the restaurant business. James Martin spent 20 years as a Concept Chef with the Back Bay Restaurant Group, Abe and Louies, Atlantic Fish and Charlie Sarkis' Paparazzi Restaurants. Rick Lowe comes from Legal Seafood, The Border Cafe and Owner/Operator at the Outback Steak House. Tremezzo is a new Italian Fusion dining experience. Open for lunch and dinner with a beautiful 15 stool bar and lounge area, plus a function room for private parties, wedding rehearsal dinners and corporate events. Look for a few signature dishes, "Vitello Milanese", Papperdella Bolognese, and "the Rick Lowe" pizza! Tremezzo is a much needed addition to the local eatery scene! Open Monday December 29th at 4:30 pm. Check them out for a New Years cocktail at the bar or dinner with friends and family! BruceHilliard.com

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Tremezzo Ristorante opened Monday

Wilmington restaurant opens after six month delay

By MARCY RAGUCCI
Staff Writer

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WILMINGTON - Santa Claus visited a local restaurant early this year - a few weeks ago, in fact - to deliver some final licenses, much to the delight of owners, Rick Lowe, James Martin and Mauro Lucchesi who have been waiting what seems like an eternity to open the doors of Tremezzo Ristorante at 2 Lowell Street in Wilmington, the former site of Focaccia's.

The opening was scheduled for December 29th and they will have live music on December 29th, 30th and 31st. Common Ground will play on New Years Eve and other popular groups like 4EverFab will play there soon.

Lowe explains the delay saying, "Licensing issues and last minute details prevented us from opening ear-

lier than this but we are so excited right now that we're not dwelling on the past. We are focused on the future and how we can give our guests a most enjoyable dining experience."

Owner Martin who brings his 20 plus years of culinary experience to the table also serves as Executive Chef. Martin promises to introduce Italian influenced dishes to Wilmington with some of his tasty creations. In addition to numerous other credentials, Martin teaches cooking classes. For more information visit his website at <http://www.jamestmartinletscook.com/>.

"Everyone on Team Tremezzo is ecstatic and busy preparing for a magical opening. We have been training and preparing for our much anticipated opening," said Lowe.

The restaurant is open for both lunch and dinner and

offers a mouthwatering variety of dishes. Guests can drop by the restaurant anytime to purchase gift certificates to Tremezzo Ristorante.

Tremezzo can be reached by calling 781-983-6228.

Lowe, Martin and Lucchesi have great respect for Wilmington and how well they have been treated here throughout this difficult waiting period and Lowe expresses their gratitude saying, "We are proud to be part of the Wilmington community and we look forward to participating in community events. We have a great group of local people here on Team Tremezzo who are anxiously waiting to serve our guests."

You can follow Tremezzo Ristorante on Twitter and Facebook for the latest happenings.

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Glen Rd. between 8:00 AM and no later than 5 PM. Offices close at 5:00 PM.

Monday, April 6th is the last day to register to vote for Town Election and Town Meeting. Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 PM.

In addition, February 6th is the due date for petitioned articles for Town Meeting, and April 17th is the last day to post warrant for Town Election and Town Meeting.



MARY JANE BYRNES

The Annual Town Election will be held on Saturday, April 25th with polls open between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Precinct 1 and 2 voting will be held at the Boutwell School, 17 Boutwell St.; Precincts 3 and 4 voting will be held at the Wildwood School, 182 Wildwood St.; and Precincts 5 and 6 voting will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Rd.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30 AM at the Wilmington High School Auditorium, 159 Church St.

Smiley & Sue, the Wilmington Hillbillies

By Larz F. Neilson

Long road trips, railroads and smokey night clubs are often the stuff of country and western songs, and it's not at all coincidental. In the days before television, thousands of country singers travelled the country, often singing about the things they knew. The only electronic venue they knew was the radio, and most of the stations were local.

Long before the "Beverly Hillbillies," there were the "Wilmington Hillbillies," otherwise known as "Smiley and Sue." Like other artists of the era, they were quite nomadic. At times, they could be heard on the radio in Bangor, Maine, Cleveland, Ohio or Lawrence, Massachusetts.

The duo performed cowboy and hillbilly music and comedy during World War II and through the 1940s.

Around 1943, Smiley and Sue were a part of an entertainment troupe for the USO that took a 5,000 mile air trip to Labrador, Baffin Island and Canada to entertain military service members. While at WGAN in Bangor, the "Harmony Mountaineers" were working with them, an act that included the violin, guitar and bass.

"Smiley" was the nickname of Jimmy Clain, who lived on Faulkner Avenue in Wilmington. The 1940 census listed him, along with his wife Bernice and a son, James, born in 1938. Jimmy Clain's year of birth was listed as 1910. The listing said they had previously lived in Stoneham.

Sue was Helen Zengilowski, whose family had a farm on Woburn Street in South



Wilmington. Her father was Kazimer "Charlie" Zengilowski, and Helen was one of five children. In addition to singing and playing the guitar, she also played the accordion and harmonica. To top it off, she yodeled.

Smiley wrote a letter to the editor of the Mountain Broadcast and Prairie Recorder back in December 1941 that gives a bit of an insight as to how they entertained the audiences. He noted that they were a musical comedy team, doing both solo numbers and duets. They played the washtub bass, jews-harp, harmonica and guitar. In that time, he tells readers they were doing

personal appearances in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. He signed the letter "Smiley Clain."

In one article, it was mentioned that Smiley and Sue worked at radio station WGAN in Bangor, Maine for a time prior to their stint at WJW. It appears their work at WJW and with Pappy Howard's Barndance Jamboree show, they were not going to return to Maine as the artists of that era sometimes did.

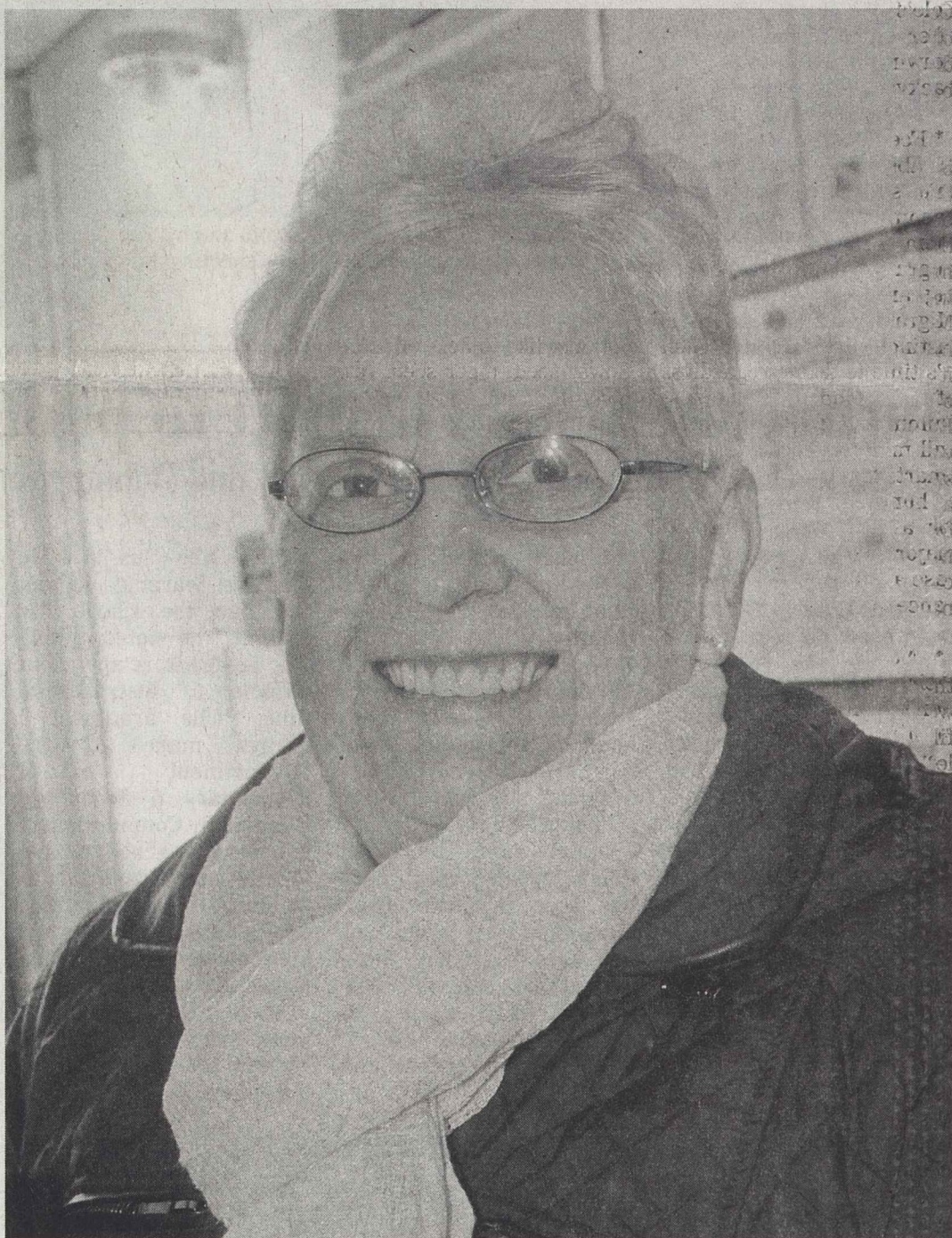
Cowboy Music World listed Smiley and Sue's program over WGAN in a 1945 issue indicating that they were on at 7:00 a.m., six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

One reporter said in 1948 that Smiley and Sue were a great comedy team and had done a tour with Big Slim, the Lone Cowboy in 1948 on the east coast.



Jen Saragosa's New Year's Resolution is to "get the kids to bed earlier so they can all get more sleep" in 2015.

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Carolyn Ryan's New Year's Resolution is "to be happier" in 2015.

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by Todd Brisbois

REAL-ESTATE PROFESSIONALS AND PASSIVE LOSSES



Though most taxpayers cannot deduct passive losses, real estate professionals get special treatment. Those who spend more than 50 percent of their working hours and at least 750 hours a year materially participating in realty activities—as developer, landlord, broker, etc.—qualify for an exemption and their rental losses are not considered passive.

The rules can cause a problem for those professionals who have multiple rental properties. Listing each property separately, the individual may have difficulty meeting the rules. The answer is to elect to treat all the properties as one activity (via a statement attached to the 1040 return). One problem will remain: if one property is sold at a loss, the deduction for that loss is suspended until all the rental properties are sold.

Note: a Tax Court ruling says trusts handling real estate can qualify as professionals and beat the passive-loss tax.

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Wilmington Recreation Department's latest newsletter

Junior Basketball

Grades: 1 & 2

Program Dates: Saturdays, January 3 - February 7, 6 Weeks

Location: Shawsheen Elementary School Gymnasium

Cost: \$45 (which includes the \$10 late fee)

This instructional co-ed league introduces the basics. Teams play a staggered schedule of hourly sessions that include skill training followed by a scrimmage. The registration form with additional information is available on the Recreation page on the Town website, and in the Recreation Department Office, Town Hall, Room 8.

Yoga-Play

Supervisor: Nicole Walker
Dates: Saturdays, January 3 - February 7, 6 Weeks
Ages 2 - 4 w/caregiver: 10 - 10:45 a.m.

Grades K - 3: 9 - 9:45 a.m.

Location: West Intermediate Music Room

Cost: \$40

An introduction to yoga - children will learn yoga poses and practice individually and in a group. This is a non-competitive and fun program to develop confidence, awareness and control. Bring a yoga mat and water.

Junior/Senior Hoops

Supervisor: Jim Garrity

Grades: 11 & 12

Dates: Tuesdays, December 2 - February 10, 10 weeks (No 12/30)

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Location: Woburn Street School Gym

Cost: \$15 when registering at the Recreation Office; \$25 when registering at the gym.

Keep in shape and have fun

this winter playing organized pick-up basketball.

35+ Basketball League

Supervisor: Peter Otovic

Dates: Wednesdays, January 7 - March 4, 2015, 8 Weeks (No 2/18)

Time: 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30 p.m. games

Location: North Intermediate School Gym

Cost: \$50 (\$70 with shirt)

This league offers those ages 35 and over structures team play with refereed games for fun and fitness. Players without a 35+ mesh shirt must pay the shirt fee.

Boston Celtics Tickets TD Garden

vs. Houston Rockets

Friday, January 30, 7:30 p.m.

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Tickets sold first come, first served. Must finalize sales by December 29!

Winter 2015 edition of

"Recreation Matters"

Check out our new listing of programs, tickets, and trips. The newsletter is available at the Wilmington Memorial Library, the Buzzell Senior Center and in the Recreation Department in Town Hall, Room 8. If you prefer to read it online, go to www.wilmingtonma.gov. Once there, click on the Recreation prompt to open the Recreation Department's webpage.

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Feeding wild birds: simple, smart, timely tips

Winter wonderland in your backyard



A female Cardinal has found a seed in the snow.

You may think warm weather is prime-time to enjoy the rewarding hobby of bird-feeding and bird-watching. Winter, however, is the time of year when birds need you most - and when you have the greatest chance of attracting them to your backyard. Natural food and water sources become scarce, competition for limited resources is fierce and non-migratory birds are looking for a reliable, good quality meal. It's your moment!

The bird-feeding experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products offer some timely tips for drawing wild birds to your backyard this winter:

* Feed without guilt! There is absolutely no research that shows wild birds will become lazy if you feed them. Nor will they forego migrating in favor of hanging around your backyard. Migratory birds will act on instinct and migrate when it's time to do so, regardless of food sources. Hummingbirds, for example, will migrate, but it's often a smart, sensible idea to leave a hummingbird feeder up for a few weeks after the majority are gone, just in case a straggler needs sustenance.

* No matter how urgent their need for food, birds won't visit your feeder if you fill it with the avian equivalent of junk food. Birdfeed that contains cheap fillers won't attract or satisfy

birds, and they will either look elsewhere for food, or - if they're really feeling winter's pinch - eat at your feeder but leave a mess of filler uneaten on the ground. Look for birdfeed that contains quality ingredients and is free of chemicals and other toxins that could harm birds. Cole's Wild Bird products are especially formulated to attract birds and are all-natural, top-of-the crop seeds free of fillers, preservatives, mineral oils or pesticides. Their top quality feed is nitrogen-purge packaged, just like potato chips, to ensure freshness and insect-free feed. Visit www.coleswildbird.com to learn more.

* Seeds are a satisfying, top choice for winter dining among birds, but they also love suet, which gives them much-needed stores of fat. Seeds with a high fat or oil content are best for birds during winter, so look for options like black oil sunflower seed, niger seed, raw peanuts and suet cakes. Cole's offers Nutberry Suet, an energy-packed powerhouse feed that mixes birds' favorite seeds with suet, a variety of no-melt suet cakes, and some suet specialty products like Cole's Suet Pearls and Cole's Suet Nuts, that birds love. These products provide concentrated energy to help birds make it through freezing winter weather.

* While it's always important to keep your birdfeeders

clean, cleanliness is even more vital during winter when more birds are likely to visit your feeders. Cleaning minimizes mold, mildew and other unhealthy conditions that could make backyard birds sick. Consider an easy to clean, hassle-free feeder like Coles Terrific Tube Feeder, that has a quick-clean feature making cleaning a snap. Remember to throw away any seed left over in the feeder when cleaning, and let the feeder dry thoroughly before refilling, so there's less chance of seed becoming encased in ice.

* Finding fresh, unfrozen water can be more challenging for birds than finding food in the winter. Use fountains or spritzers in your birdbath to attract thirsty birds. You can also use a heated birdbath to ensure feathered visitors never have to contend with frozen water.

Be sure to place birdfeeders with safety in mind. Keep feeders away from structures that could provide a haven for avian predators, like cats or hawks. Be mindful of proximity to your house and the risk that birds might fly into windows if feeders are too close to your home.

Winter is a great time to nurture your love of bird feeding and bird watching. As your backyard fills with wild birds, their plumage and songs can brighten dreary winter days. Plus, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you're helping your feathered friends during the season when they need it most.

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Like hanging out at the water cooler; this male Cardinal is enjoying a break.



* Eastern Blue Birds wait on a porch rail in the snow.



Amanda K. Gustin to wed Matt Lindblad

Joanne and Michael Gustin of Wilmington, MA and Peter and Ann Lindblad of Hudson, MA are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Amanda K. Gustin and Matthew Lindblad.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Wilmington HS and a 2005 Graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont with a major in French and History. The bride also has her Masters in American

History and Museum Studies from Tufts University. The Groom is also a Graduate of Middlebury College with a major in History.

Amanda is the Public Program Coordinator for the Vermont Historical Society and Matt is an Educator at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

A fall wedding is planned and the couple will continue to live in Montpelier, Vt.

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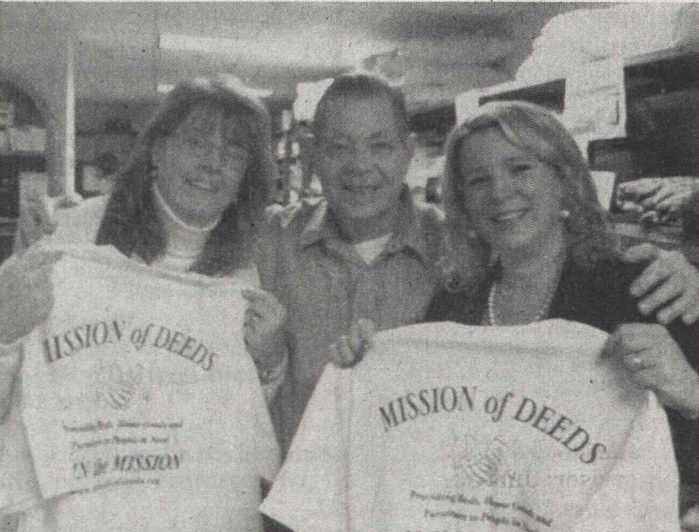
Reading Cooperative Bank reaches donation goal in Mission of Deeds Blanket Drive

READING / WILMINGTON - Reading Cooperative Bank recently held its second annual blanket drive to benefit the Mission of Deeds. RCB collected blankets from October 10th to November 21st to help provide those less fortunate with the warm beds that are necessary for the cold New England winters. Led by Judy MacLellan and Maureen Bernard, both of the Bank's lending department, Reading Cooperative was able to reach its goal of 200 blankets.

The drive was made successful through the support of the entire community, including students enrolled in a retail business course at Reading Memorial High School. The students came together and collected over 70 blankets. Their assignment included creating flyers, passing them out, and then collecting the donated blankets.

"We are grateful to have such a strong community that, at any given moment, is willing to come together and support a truly deserving cause. One of the highlights of working at RCB is being able to see first-hand, the benefits of a close knit community through campaigns similar to the Blanket Drive," says Judy MacLellan, Loan Supervisor. The Mission of Deeds began with the simple

dream of one man: to be able to provide basic home essentials to those in need. Since that day in 1993 when Tony Triglione founded the Mission of Deeds, the organization has served thousands of families and individuals throughout Middlesex and Essex counties. Their many clients include, but are not limited to, those who have been homeless, living with disabilities, and the elderly. With Triglione's vision as a guide, the Mission will continue to serve the community for years to come.



Phil Barnes of Mission of Deeds is flanked by Judy MacLellan and Maureen Bernard from Reading Cooperative Bank as they inventory the blankets donated and show off their new Mission of Deeds T-shirts. Courtesy photo

About Reading C-operative Bank:

Reading Cooperative Bank is a 21st-century community bank with a track record of

progress dating back to 1886. The Bank was founded on the principle that profit and growth go hand-in-hand with responsible banking and service to the community - a philosophy that has put Reading Cooperative Bank on a long-term track for success. Banking Specialists can be reached by visiting one of the 8 branch locations: Andover, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Reading Memorial High School (available to RMHS students only) Wilmington (2) or Woburn. Or, you can

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OPINION

Letters to the editor

Audit authorization?

December 29, 2014
Chairman David P. Linsky
House Committee on
Post Audit and Oversight
State House, Room 146
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Linsky:
We are puzzled by your response to our request for a legislative investigation into malfeasance at the Probation Department. The letter dated December 5, 2014 from your office states: "After reviewing the committee's authority it has been determined that our jurisdiction does not extend to your request."

The following is taken directly from the Committee web site:

"It shall be the duty of the committee on Post Audit and Oversight (established under Section 63 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to oversee the development and implementation of legislative auditing programs conducted by the Legislative Post Audit and Oversight Bureau with particular emphasis on performance auditing."

According to the site, these committee reports have been issued since 2010:

January 2010 - "Every Gun has a Story to Tell: Gun Trafficking and Gun Violence Prevention Advisory to the House Committee on Post Audit and Oversight"

July 2010 - "Ad Hoc Legislative Panel On the MWRA Water Main Breach"

April 2011 - "Lynde Disease in Massachusetts: A Public Health Crisis"

March 2012 - "Fair and Cost Effective - Ensuring an Adequate Defense While Protecting the Taxpayers; Review of the Indigent Defense Counsel Program In the Massachusetts District and Boston Municipal Courts, Administrative Office of the Trial Court, Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

February 2013 - "Lynde Disease in Massachusetts: A Public Health Crisis"

One might fairly conclude that a rigged hiring system for taxpayer-funded jobs rises to the standard

of prior investigations. In a telling rebuke, US District Court Judge William G. Young defined the verdicts in the probation scandal as "massive corruption." Does not "massive corruption" meet the standards established for an honest and public investigation?

According to the business dictionary: "Performance auditing is an assessment of the activities of an organization to see if the resources are being managed with due regard for economy, efficiency and effectiveness and accountability requirements are being met reasonably."

The scandal and convictions at the Probation Department demonstrate the critical need for a performance audit of that agency.

The taxpayers of Massachusetts deserve answers to the questions we raised in our letter dated November 13, 2014. The courts have found that a rigged hiring system has existed for more than a decade. We need to assure taxpayers that their precious resources are protected from favoritism and corruption.

We believe the law is clear: "It is the duty of the committee on post audit and oversight." The Committee has full authority and legislative responsibility to review corruption at and poor oversight of this agency.

We hope that you are in the process of revising your initial response to our request. If you maintain your prior position, would you kindly detail further and explain with specificity why you object to a committee audit of the Probation Department.

We respectfully request that you reconsider our request and commence a complete review of the Probation Department.

Sincerely,
Rep. James J. Lyons, Jr.
18th Essex District

Rep. Marc T. Lombardo
22nd Middlesex District

Giving Tree success

Dear Dewing Families,
I would like to thank Genia Carroll, Nicole Downing, Jeanne Dunn and the rest of the PAC for all their hard work that they put into the Giving Tree. They would also like to thank all the parents who donated and went above and beyond to make this holiday season special for so many.

We were able to help out 10 Dewing families, 23 children in total. We also had a large amount left over to donate to DCF. You have no idea how grateful and overwhelmed these parents are! There are going to be a lot of happy children on Christmas morning because of your generosity and big hearts. It is a privilege to work with so many of you.

The PAC also donated 12, \$100.00 Market Basket gift cards to help out these families. In addition, numerous

gift cards were donated from Winchester Hospital, and the O'Connor and Contaloni families, to aid in the purchase of a laptop for a little guy who is unable to attend school due to medical reasons. I am in awe!

I received a call from Market Basket headquarters the other day. They heard of all of our Dew Gooders and asked if they could further assist. It truly is amazing to be surrounded by such a wonderful community. On behalf of all the families we assisted, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are great role models for your children and the ones you have impacted. This is truly what Christmas is about.

Warmest wishes for a Happy Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kelly Constantino RN, BSN
Dewing School Nurse



Tabula Rasa

by Scott Mullooney

Dictionary.com defines the term "Tabula Rasa" as anything existing undisturbed in its original pure state. It's origin is from the Latin words meaning scraped table, or more commonly translated as "clean slate". I learned this phrase from a high school writing assignment my son brought home from his English class a few years ago. I liked the sound of the phrase, and more importantly, I liked the meaning behind it.

With a new year upon us, I'm adopting Tabula Rasa as my catch-phrase for 2015. Imagine the year stretched out in front of you, a virtual blank slate for you to shape into anything you want. New beginnings. A fresh start. Unlimited possibilities. A white canvas, full of nothing, waiting for me to paint

it with colors I choose. The possibilities are endless.

Tumultuous 2014 was a trying time for the entire world. Disease, terrorism, civil unrest - it was hard to find a glimmer of positivity as the year wore on. On a personal level, my year was eventful as well. My roller coaster ride through life continued at break-neck speed. The high point was my son's wedding last January; the low point was biting my fingernails while waiting approval for student loans so my youngest son could continue his education at Berklee College of Music. Sandwiched in between were the usual medical dramas and days full of life's little surprises that always catch me off guard no matter how prepared I think I am.

2015 feels different already.

I'm approaching the calendar as a year of opportunity and change. My own personal philosophy is that each one of us creates our own reality. Make sure you create a reality to your liking. Combine these thoughts with my "tabula rasa" mentality, and I am not intimidated by the year to come. I am looking forward to shaping my life the way I want it to be.

Easier said than done. I'm taking small steps, one day at a time, to make things happen the way I want them to. There will always be things beyond my control, but the way a person handles situations that arise is a true test of inner resolve. We can't control adversity, but we can control our reaction to it.

I see big changes on the

horizon. My son is expecting his first child, expanding our family tree into the future. I'm happily moving up a notch to make room for the next generation.

I'm ready to open myself up to the waiting arms of the universe and let it take me headlong into infinity. And I'm ready to explore each and every experience my universe has to offer. Bring on the blank canvas of 2015 and let me paint the best and brightest picture I can with what I have to work with. Let me mold my experiences to make things better for everyone I come in contact with. This year, if I'm the only person I encounter who has a positive attitude, that's enough for me.



Let's Talk About Hearing

by Lolly Wigall

What did you get? What did you get?

band has tinnitus and hearing loss from chemotherapy and diabetes. I am grateful that technology is available for him to hear well. I am grateful that I have excellent hearing.

This time of year is a time for gift giving. Children receive toys that are sometimes too loud and can cause hearing loss. People receive power tools without hearing protection. Any machine, including a vacuum cleaner can be loud enough to cause hearing loss. A rule of thumb is: If you have to shout to be heard, it is loud enough to cause hearing loss.

I guess I would like to see a commercial that says things like the following:

"I got hearing loss from playing my music too loud wearing my earbuds." "I got hearing loss from attending that concert last summer." "I got tinnitus from my power tools." "I lost my hearing from a fire cracker." "I got hearing loss from the cancer treatment I was receiving." "I lost some of my hearing from diabetes." "I got hearing loss from my mother's side of the family. I got hearing loss from aging." "I got hearing loss from an ear infection." "I got hearing

loss from some medicine I was allergic to."

Maybe such a commercial would wake people up to hearing loss. Most hearing loss can be prevented. Obviously, inherited hearing loss due to genetics is not preventable, but it is treatable with hearing aids. Monitoring hearing during Chemotherapy treatments is do-able. There are many kinds of drugs available that have fewer side effects. Paying attention to loud noises and avoiding them can go a long way to preventing hearing loss. I hope that whatever you get this season, it is not hearing loss.

I Plunged the Bowl on Christmas Day

By BILL CATHERWOOD
Crier correspondent

I can still hear my wife asking what I wanted for Christmas and me replying, "Hot coffee, peace and quiet".

Now, you married guys know that wasn't about to happen. After her arguing, I named a book of hunting and fishing stories I wanted, but most of all time to relax and read it.

Well, Christmas day came and I got the book that I had asked for. I made a fire in the wood stove and sat down with my new book, coffee and my dog beside me.

I had just started to relax when my wife called and said, "Bill that pot of beef stew that I made has gone bad. Can you dump it out back?"

"Aw c'mon! Can't I have half an hour please?"

Now when she made a beef stew she put enough in it that you could park a truck on it. I mean big chunks of beef, potatoes, turnip... you name it.

I settled back with my coffee and reading when suddenly I heard a shriek. "Bill! Bill! The toilet is over flowing!"

Oh no! I knew it. I waded into the bathroom to find Cathy holding an empty pot standing in water deep enough to stock trout in.

I looked at the empty pot and said, "You didn't? not even you would do this!"

"Yes," she replied, "I thought I would save you a few steps."

"Yeah this is going to be a real labor saver," I thought.

"What would ever make you think that you could flush five pounds of beef stew down the toilet?"

*T'was the morning of Christmas and all through the house
No one could use the bathroom because of my spouse.
Dad was happy with his new book, for little he knew
Mom knocked out our toilet with five pounds of stew.*

As I waded in there I had no idea how bad the toilet was plugged. Now usually a plunger can free almost anything. Not the case this time. I mean it was like trying to unclog a beaver dam.

When I stopped to think that this was all so needless and the more I thought of it the worse it got, until without even being aware of it I let out a howl like a werewolf!

I kept telling myself, "Don't kill her on the Lord's birthday. Poor taste."

*I plunged and plunged but it was all in vain
Hard as I tried I could not get the toilet to drain.
I plunged again until I cried out at last,
"Nothing is working we may have to blast."*

About then I hollered out, "Will somebody look up the street to see if Dunkin' Donuts is open?"

Cathy said, "Oh, I can get you a cup of coffee."
"I don't want a cup of coffee," I replied. "I want to use their bathroom!"

My wife then said, "Honey why don't you sit down and eat a nice big Christmas breakfast and maybe something will happen."

"Oh. I know something will happen and that why I don't want to," I replied.

Now its Christmas morning, no hardware stores open and

there was no way you could get a plumber.

My teenage son was asking when he could use the bathroom when Cathy came up with the splendid idea. She came in with a pan of water and said, "I thought that if you pour this in the toilet on top of everything it might flush it down."

Yeah right.
"I love you both and I know it's Christmas
But I'm getting ready to put my fist through a wall...
So dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

I never felt so discouraged in my life. Again my wife tried to cheer me up, probably for her own safety and said, "Something will happen." "Yeah, I thought. maybe the toilet will fall through the floor after all the plunging."

Suddenly a thought came to mind and I sat down and said a quiet prayer. "God I know it's Your Son's birthday and all, but You parted the Red Sea for Moses, You knocked down the walls of Jericho, I mean it's only a toilet. Please help."

Well I picked up the plunger to give it one more try when suddenly the toilet flushed. I couldn't happier if I got a ten point buck or a limit of Mallards.

*I smiled and wished everyone a Merry Christmas
and threw the plunger out of sight
then said...*

"Dad uses the bathroom first, he's earned the right!"

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There's not much left of this Chevy Impala which crashed into a tree on North Street near Catamount St in Tewksbury on Sunday morning about 3:30. Police personnel stated that the car is lying on its driver's side. Fire Dept personnel had to use the Jaws of Life to extricate the 19 year old male from the wreck. He was transported to the hospital and is facing charges of speeding and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

Courtesy photo



Eric Bellavia, William Humphrey and Andrew Whynott performed in the North Street School's holiday concert. Photo by Maureen Brady/www.shootingstarspix.com

L-3 expands campus in Wilmington

Avison Young announced that it has successfully leased 28,000 square feet (sf) of office space at 46 Jonspin Road in Wilmington on behalf of landlord Spinelli Commercial Properties to L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc.

Avison Young Principal Jack Kerrigan and Associate Colin Whitney represented Spinelli Commercial Properties. Cushman & Wakefield represented L-3 in the transaction. L-3 Communications will begin a new lease at the location, adding to the aerospace systems contractor's current tenancies at 17 and 53-65 Jonspin Road in the North Wilmington Business Park.

"With a strategic suburban location and hands-on ownership, North Wilmington Business Park is an ideal corporate setting for L-3 Communications as the firm continues to expand," comments Kerrigan. "Rachele DePamphilis, CEO of Spinelli Commercial Properties, was instrumental in driving this deal to a successful and timely close."

"We are pleased to continue our long-term relationship with L-3 Communications, which now occupies more than 107,000 sf of office and R&D space in North Wilmington Business Park," said DePamphilis.

L-3's new premises comprise 21,000 sf on the first floor and 7,000 sf of mezzanine space, bringing the firm's total occupancy at North Wilmington Business Park to 107,485 sf. Located in a prime spot in Wilmington, the building provides easy access to I-93 and Route 125 and is situated less than six miles from both I-495 and I-95. Tenants have access to many amenities less than three miles from the park, including multiple health clubs, major shops, diverse restaurants and the Tewksbury Country Club.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Room 9 at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2015 by the Board of Selectmen on the application of Flaherty Jeweler, Inc. for a Secondhand Dealer license for property located at 248 Main Street.

Judith L. O'Connell,
Chairman
Board of Selectmen
05562743 12/31/14

LEGAL NOTICE



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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
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FELICIA MCCARTHY
Plaintiff
VS.
NICOLAI CUCU
Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking an annulment of marriage.

You are required to serve upon Felicia McCarthy - plaintiff - whose address is 18 Columbia St., Wilmington, MA 01887 your answer on or before January 30, 2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge.

Witness, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this 19th day of December, 2014.

Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of
Probate Court
05562740 12/30/14

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the printing of the 2015-2016 Calendar for the Town of Wilmington will be received at the office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, until 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 when and where they will be publicly opened and read.

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The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to reject any bid or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

Jeffrey M. Hull
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Jeffrey M. Hull
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05562729 12/31/14, 1/7/15

Abundant Life Christian School partners with Barnes and Noble

Abundant Life Christian School (ALCS) eighth grade students with their parents partnered with Barnes and Noble in Burlington yesterday. They offered gift wrapping services to the patrons of Barnes and Noble. Gift wrapping services are complimentary with donations welcome.

With the generosity of the community the students raised over \$200.00 towards their Washington, D.C. trip planned for May. "The students had a blast! They worked hard to earn the money and enjoyed every minute of it," stated Mrs. Barnes; who organized the event.

The students received praise from Barnes and Noble. "This morning, around 7:40, my office phone rang. The woman on the other end was calling to tell us what a wonderful group of parents and kids represented ALCS at B & N. She listed the names of your families!

"It is fun to serve, to get out into the bigger world and to be Jesus to

those around us. And God blesses us with joy in serving! Well done, good and faithful servants. The whole 8th grade class is blessed by your being willing to give of your time and energy," stated Mrs. Hobart; Abundant Life Christian School Administrator.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is a private, Christian school located in the Abundant Life Christian Center of Wilmington. It desires to produce students who are uniquely prepared to discover the world around them, to be inquisitive about its many facets, are creative in their approach to problems, and seek to grow individually all in the framework of Christian faith. It offers a curriculum that is academically sound, intellectually challenging and theologically consistent with faith in Jesus Christ.

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Your Two Cents...

Can you tell me why some people won't take a second to say thank you by a simple wave of their hand when a driver lets them go in front of his or her car in traffic especially on Main Street? Yet, that same driver can raise one finger all too quickly to express their anger!

You know who you are!

Tewksbury

Thanks to the people who donated to the food pantry so that everyone would have food on their table at Christmas.

Wilmington

Way to go Market Basket! Artie T. showed his appreciation to his loyal employees by giving them a bonus for Christmas. That makes me feel even better about staying loyal to Market Basket during their trying time this year.

Tewksbury

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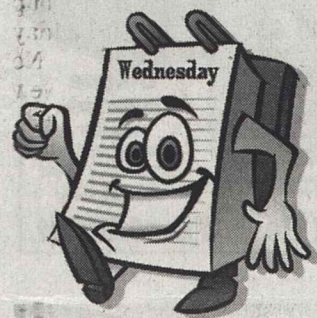
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Community Calendar

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Wilmington:

Families Anonymous Meetings

Each Thursday, 7:00 PM
The Families Anonymous Support Group, a confidential self-help resource for families dealing with substance abuse issues or issues caused by conflict over substance abuse are holding their meetings inside of the United Methodist Church found on Church St. There is a first names only rule to preserve anonymity, and no advance notice is required to attend this meeting. More information can be gained by contacting 978-973-5645.

Trivia at the Knights of Columbus

January 2nd;
8:00 PM-10:00 PM
The Wilmington Knights of Columbus, found behind the Saint Thomas of Villanova Church on Middlesex Ave., will be hosting Team Trivia once again for adults over the age of 21 inside of its Smoke Free Member's Lounge. Be sure to bring snacks and friends for a fun evening out with no charge to join in the fun!

Christmas Tree Collection:

From January 5th to January 16th
The Town of Wilmington will be collecting Christmas trees in the usual trash pick up on each trash day. Be sure to leave your trees out and have them easily accessible to be taken away and disposed of.

Effective Resume Workshop

January 6th;
6:30 PM-8:30 PM
Certified career and executive coach Bonnie Petrovich will be hosting a presentation on how to formulate an effective resume for the current

rent job seeking world, focusing on must-have elements as well as optional sections one might consider adding. Be sure to sign up for this presentation online at the library's website.

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 7th;
2:00 PM-7:00 PM
The American Red Cross will be hosting blood drives across New England, one of which will be held at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus on 112 Middlesex Ave. For more information on giving blood, be sure to visit <http://www.redcross-blood.org/> online.

Microsoft Surface Presentation

January 7th;
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Have you ever wondered what the new Microsoft Surface is really like after seeing the commercials for one? Be sure to head to the Wilmington Memorial Library to see the Surface in action, with its Windows 8 default operating system. If you happen to own a Surface, be sure to bring it with you to the presentation.

Board of Selectmen Meeting

January 12th; 7:00 PM
The Wilmington Board of Selectmen will be holding their first meeting open to the public of the new year at the Town Hall, inside of Meeting Room Nine.

School Committee Meeting

January 14th; 7:00 PM
The Wilmington Public Schools Committee will be holding a meeting inside of the Wilmington High School library beginning at 7:00 PM; those with interest in the new high school are encouraged to attend, as the

completion date draws closer.

Tewksbury:

Parkinson's Support Group

Every 1st and 3rd
Thursday each month
9:30 AM-11:30 AM
The Tewksbury Senior Center will be hosting a new support group for those affected by Parkinson's Disease, be it someone afflicted with the disease or a loved one or caregiver. This support group, run by physical therapy doctoral students from UMASS Lowell, offers coping strategies and a place to discuss and share answers to each other's problems. The event is entirely free and open to those who wish to attend. The Senior Center is located on 175 Chandler St.

Lowell National Historical Park Presentation

January 7th;
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
Author Paul Marion will be hosting an in depth presentation on his new book, Mill Power: The Origin and Impact of Lowell National Historical Park. The book, which goes into detail on the history and quality of the park, as well as current day programs involving many different organizations in order to incorporate the history of Lowell into its own burgeoning growth. Be sure to register online at the library's website for this event.

Peruvian Andes Presentation

January 8th;
7:00 PM-8:30 PM
The Tewksbury Public Library will be hosting Bryan and Linda Higgs as they present a slideshow of the Peruvian Andes, treating

an audience to an evening learning and admiring the beauty of Peru's Sacred Valley. Be sure to register for this event online at the library's website.

Boyhood Movie Screening

January 9th;
7:00 PM-9:00 PM
The Tewksbury Public Library will be screening the newly released movie "Boyhood" at the Library. This movie, starring Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette, was filmed over the course of 12 years to genuinely capture the experience of what boyhood truly involves throughout the years. Complimentary snacks and beverages are provided-be sure to sign up online for this screening on the library's website.

Job Presentation with Clare Harlow

January 12th;
2:00 PM-3:30 PM
Life and career coach Clare Harlow will be aiding those bogged down with their job search for this new year at the Tewksbury Public Library in a presentation designed for setting up an Action Plan for the new year. Come and figure out what you truly want to do while also setting a plan of attack for the new year! Seating is limited, so be sure to sign up online for this event at the library's website. An opportunity for networking will be available following the presentation.

Tewksbury Historical Society Drop In Hours

January 13th;
1:00 PM-5:00 PM
The Tewksbury Historical Society will be holding drop-in hours open to the public at the Tewksbury Public Library. Members of the public are encouraged to

bring any and all questions the Society can answer to this drop in opportunity.

Local Housing Partnership Meeting

January 14th; 7:00 PM
The Town of Tewksbury's Local Housing Partnership will be hosting its first public meeting of the new year at the Tewksbury Housing Authority's Common Room, found on Saunders Circle in Tewksbury.

School Committee Meeting

January 28th; 6:00 PM
The Tewksbury School Committee will be hosting its second meeting of the new year for a budget workshop at the library of the Tewksbury Memorial High School, found on 320 Pleasant St.

Merrimack Area:

Billerica:

A Night Out with Jim Plunkett Fundraiser

January 25th;
7:00 PM-12:00 AM
The Shawsheen Technical High School will be hosting a fundraiser in the form of an evening with comedian Jim Plunkett at the Billerica Elks Lodge, found on 14 Webb Brook Rd. General admission for the event is \$20 at the door; or a reserved table of 10 for \$200-the event is restricted to adults over the age of 21. Tickets are available by emailing Maureen at mwm226@comcast.net.

Billerica Board of Health Meeting:

January 5th; 7:00 PM
The Billerica Board of Health will be meeting inside of the Billerica Town Hall, within Room 210 as usual at 7:00 PM on the first

Monday of January.

Burlington:

Lunch and Legos

January 2nd; 11:30 AM
Parents with Lego creating children at home can bring their kids to the Burlington Public Library for fun with Legos while watching a movie about Legos! Bring a blanket and some lunch for your kids for a fun morning watching, eating, and building.

Stoneham:

LEGO Club

January 12th;
3:00 PM-5:00 PM
The Stoneham Public Library's LEGO Club, a drop in club for children grades K and up will be meeting inside of the Children's Room for a day of fun and creative LEGO building. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult to join in the fun.

Woburn:

Brain Injury Family Support and Education Group Meeting

January 5th;
6:00 PM-7:30 PM
There will be a meeting of the Brain Injury Family Support Group at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital, found on 2 Rehabilitation Way for adult caregivers, family, and friends of those affected with a brain injury. Come and share coping mechanisms, as well as learn more about brain injury in this free support group alongside others who share your everyday concerns, and hopefully learn more to help you live and help your afflicted loved one.



Tewksbury Library Notes

by Diane Giarrusso

with Paul Marion

Wednesday, January 7, 7pm

Join author Paul Marion as he discusses his new book, *Mill Power: The Origin and Impact of Lowell National Historical Park*, an insider's account of how one of the park was created. Paul, now the Executive Director of Community Relations at UMass Lowell, previously served as an administrator with the Lowell Historical Preservation Commission. Q&A and book signing after the talk. Limited to 50 seats.

Travel Talk: Take A Virtual Tour of Machu Picchu & The Sacred Valley of the Incas with Bryan & Linda Higgs

Thursday, January 8, 7pm
Join Bryan and Linda Higgs as they share slides and video of the ancient world of the Incas in the Peruvian Andes. Experience Peru's Sacred Valley with its fascinating history and amazing beauty. Discover the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu, and its ancient capital, Cusco. Limited to 50 seats.

Friday Night Film: Boyhood

Friday, January 9, 7pm
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases - *Boyhood*, an expected 2015 Academy Award nominated film starring Ethan Hawke, Patricia Arquette and Ellar Coltrane. Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, *Boyhood* is a groundbreaking drama starring a boy who literally grows up on screen before our eyes, while navigating the rocky terrain of childhood. Rated R. Free refreshments. Limited to 75 seats.

Tewksbury Job Seekers Network: Create An Action Plan For Your Job

Search with Clare Harlow

Monday, January 12, 2pm
Join career and life coach Clare Harlow to set your intentions for the year, participate in a helpful exercise, and create an action plan for your job search. There will be time for networking afterwards. Group meets every Monday at 2pm. Limited to 25 seats.

Travel Talk: Take A Virtual Walk on the Camino de Santiago

Tuesday, January 13, 7pm
Join Nancy Nee Hanifin, co-chair of the Boston Chapter of the American Pilgrims on the Camino, as she shares slides about the history, culture, and legacy of the Camino de Santiago. Every year, thousands of modern-day pilgrims walk a centuries-old, 500-mile trail leading to the tomb of St. James in Santiago, Spain. Learn why so many, like Nancy, are drawn to make this journey. Limited to 50 seats.

Author Visit: An Evening with Shannon Carter, Heir of Tara author

Wednesday, January 14, 7pm

Join local author Shannon Carter as she discusses her debut teen fantasy, *The Heir of Tara*. Her novel combines Celtic mythology with the story of the Salem Witch Trials. Fans of either are sure to enjoy this book! Q&A and book signing after the talk. Free refreshments. Limited to 50 seats.

Travel Talk: Jet Setting 101 - Learn To See The World On A Budget with Marcy Yeager

Thursday, January 15, 7pm
Join Marcy Yeager, coordinator of International Studies at Northern Essex Community College and adventure travel junkie, as she shares tips on how to

make international travel an economic reality. Do you have a list of countries you want to see, with no idea how to make your travel dreams come true? Whether solo or as a group, there is a trip out there that's just right for you! Limited to 50 seats.

Friday Night Film: Gone Girl

Friday, January 16, 7pm
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases - *Gone Girl*, an expected 2015 Academy Award nominated film starring Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike. With his wife's disappearance having become the focus of an intense media circus, a man sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent. Rated R. Free refreshments. Limited to 75 seats.

Travel Talk: Take A Virtual Getaway To Paris with Jeff Klapes

Tuesday, January 20, 7pm
Join Jeff Klapes, the "Traveling Librarian," as he shares slides and stories of Paris and a discussion of the geography and culture of that area. Jeff will take you on a personal journey through the many neighborhoods of Paris, stopping in famous cafes and bistros along the way. You'll also take several easy daytrips to the sights in the Ile-de-France region surrounding Paris, including Orleans, Provins, Laon and the chateaux of Versailles and Rambouillet. Limited to 50 seats.

Genealogy Support Group Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2pm
Whether you're just starting out or have been researching your family history for years, the Genealogy Support Group

has a place for you! Bring your notes and a laptop (or borrow one of ours) to work on your genealogy using library resources and the shared resources and experiences of others. Group meets the third Wednesday afternoon of every month. Limited to 15 seats.

Travel Talk: Take A Virtual Road Trip To All 351 Cities & Towns in Massachusetts

Thursday, January 22, 6:30pm
Join retired educators Debbie and Peter Lincoln as they share slides from their experience of visiting all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts in seven months. You're sure to enjoy this two-hour interactive presentation, entitled "From Purgatory to Podunk," which is full of photographs, anecdotes, little known history, hidden locales and travel mishaps, detailing their amazing exploration of our state! Limited to 50 seats.

Friday Night Film: Love Is Strange

Friday, January 23, 7pm
Enjoy a screening of one of Hollywood's newest DVD releases - *Love Is Strange*, a drama starring John Lithgow, Alfred Molina and Marisa Tomei. Once Ben and George get married after 40 years of living together, George is fired from his teaching post, forcing them to stay with friends separately while they sell their place and look for cheaper housing - a situation that weighs heavily on all involved. Rated R. Free refreshments. Limited to 75 seats.

Tewksbury Job Seekers Network: Recover From Battered Career Syndrome with Suzanne Gray

Monday, January 26, 2pm

Join career coaches Suzanne Gray and Margie Pascetta to develop goals and priorities to set you on the path to a new and improved YOU 2.0. If you're a job seeker who is feeling confused, isolated, powerless, or frustrated, you may be suffering from "Battered Career Syndrome!" Come get the cure! There will be time for networking afterwards. Group meets every Monday at 2pm. Limited to 25 seats.

Travel Talk: Discover Educational Travel & Learning Vacations with Road Scholar

Tuesday, January 27, 7pm
Join ambassador Donna Brock as she shares information and answers questions about Road Scholar, America's first and the world's largest educational travel organization for adults. If you love to travel, enjoy learning new things, and want to meet people who share an adventurous spirit, this informative and enthusiastic presentation is for you! Limited to 50 seats.

Evening Book Club: Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30pm

This month, the Book Club will be discussing *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear, a historical mystery set in the early 1900's in England. The book, which won an Agatha Award and Macavity Award, was named a Notable Book of the Year by the New York Times. Copies are available at the Front Desk. Group meets the last Wednesday evening of every month. No registration required. New members always welcome!

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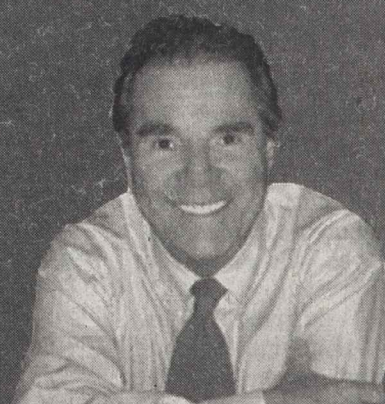
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OBITUARIES

Carl J. Capobianco

Owner of Windkist Arabians; WWII Navy Veteran

Carl J. Capobianco, formerly of Billerica, Wilmington, Andover, North Andover, and Vero Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2014, at the age of 88.

Carl was born in Boston, MA; he was the beloved son of the late Ralph and Antoinette (Chicariello) Capobianco.

Carl is lovingly survived by his children Carlene Capobianco of Georgia and Ralph (Chip) Capobianco & his wife Nancy of South Carolina, his grandchildren Carl Mitcheson, Taryn Doak, Nick Kania, Travis Andrews & her husband Deacon, and his Great-Grandchild Maddix Andrews. Carl was the dear brother of John, Ralph, and Romolo Capobianco, and Anna Tucci and is further survived by his former wife and dear friend Margaret (Denton) Capobianco as well as several nieces and nephews.

Carl was a Navy veteran of WWII and served on the USS Topeka. Carl was the owner of Windkist Arabians in North Andover, MA, where he successfully raised and



showed Arabian Horses for over 30 years.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, December 31st at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday December 30th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations in Carl's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Anthony J. Dango

Talented machinist for Tower Motor Parts; 100

WOBURN - Anthony J. Dango, age 100, a long-time resident of Woburn, passed away on December 24, 2014 at Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Anthony was born on December 23, 1914 in Woburn, MA; he was the cherished son of the late Anthony and Jennie (Gentile) Dango. Anthony was raised in Woburn and aside for a few short years spent in Tewksbury, Anthony lived most of his life in Woburn.

Anthony worked at Tower Motor Parts in Lowell for over fifty years. He was a machinist who worked on automotive parts. Anthony was a talented and dedicated employee who retired in his 70's.

Anthony married Helen (Galka) Dango and the couple shared more than 60 years of marriage before her passing in 2002. Anthony and Helen lived in Tewksbury for a few short years, where they raised their five children: Carol Ann, James, Jean, Norma and Linda. In 1958, Anthony built his own home in Woburn, where he and his family shared many beautiful memories.

Anthony was a devoted family man; there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for his family and friends. He was a "Mr. Fix-It," who could fix anything including a car, emergency plumbing and electrical problems.

Anthony was an avid fisherman, hunter and trapper who used his talents to subsidize his family's income in the early 1950's. He loved tuna fishing, especially with his son and grandsons. The men sometimes ended up catching 600-800 pound tunas.

Anthony was a very independent man; he continued to care for himself, often going to the gym and driving until he was 98 years old.

Anthony was the beloved



husband of the late Helen (Galka) Dango, devoted father of Carol Ann Pullo of Hinsdale, MA, James E. Dango & his wife Denise Brennan of Stoneham, Jean M. Dango of Tewksbury, Norma M. Johnson & her husband Charles of Dracut and Linda D. Lucken & her husband Dennis of Woburn, loving grandfather to David Pullo, Patrice Pullo, Tracy McDevitt, Christine Downey, Pamela Dango, Deborah Dango, Jennifer Iritano, Mark Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Eric Lucken, Isaac Lucken and 8 great-grandchildren, cherished son of the late Anthony and Jennie (Gentile) Dango, dear brother of Rose Kirk, Betty Garbino and Jean McDonald all of Woburn, the late Dominic Dango, Charles Dango, Mike Dango, Frank Dango, Lena McSweeney and Anna Callahan. Anthony is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, December 29th at 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 11:30 a.m. Interment followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting Hours were held at the funeral home on Sunday, December 28th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

William Ewen

Navy Veteran, Sales Manager; 87

TEWKSBURY - William "Bill" Ewen, age 87, a resident of Tewksbury for five decades, died peacefully on Sunday evening, December 28, 2014, at Woodbriar of Wilmington, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was the beloved husband for 57 years of Joan Claire (Cilley) Ewen, who died in August 2012.

Bill was born in Montpelier, Vermont, September 3, 1927, the son of the late William and Claire Doris (Ayers) Ewen. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy during WW2, and was honorably discharged. He moved to Tewksbury in 1964 to raise his family.

Bill worked as a Sales Manager for Bond Shoe Company in Woburn, where he was an orthopedic Shoe Specialist.

He was a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, the Tewksbury Golden Age Club, the Tewksbury American Legion Post 259, and a frequent visitor to the Tewksbury Senior Center. Bill and Joan were active in the Thursday and Sunday Bingo Community.

He was an active member of the Tewksbury United Methodist Church, where he and his late wife enjoyed membership in the Couples Club, and relished their rolls as performers at the annual church variety show productions.

He is survived by three children, Dana P. Siegal and her husband Ed of Stoneham, Kenneth W. Ewen of Tewksbury, and Lynne J.

Mary M. Hinckley, R.N.

Retired Nurse

TEWKSBURY: Mary M. (Ritchie) Hinckley, R.N., age 89, of Chelmsford, a former longtime Tewksbury resident, passed away at the Edgewood Retirement Community in North Andover on Wednesday, December 24, 2014.

She was the beloved wife of Albert "Dan" Hinckley, who passed away on July 30, 1998.

Born in Wilmington on February 26, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Gardner Ritchie and the late Rose (Porter) Ritchie.

Mary was raised in Wilmington, attended Wilmington schools and graduated from Wilmington High School in 1943.

Following graduation, she attended St. John's Hospital School of Nursing, from which she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1946.

Prior to her retirement in 1990, Mary worked at the Tewksbury Hospital and the former St. John's Hospital in Lowell.

Mary resided in Tewksbury for over 50 years until moving to Chelmsford.

She is survived by three daughters, Dianne Hinckley of North Andover, Susan Tracy and her husband Stephen of Chelmsford, and Jane Halprin of Arlington, VA; seven grandchildren,



(Miller) Caruso and her husband John of Pelham, NH; three grandchildren, Sabrina Fenton and her husband Jason of Arlington, Derek Miller of Pelham, NH, Chad Miller and his wife Mikaela Preston-Miller of Holden, MA; three great grandchildren, Nolan, Joseph, and Lily; a sister, Barbara Hastings and her husband Burt of VT; and several nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours Friday, January 2, from 4 to 7 and Saturday, January 3, from 10 to 11 in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of 1 Dewey and 975 Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 in MA or 978) 851-2950. His Funeral Service will be held following Saturday morning visiting hours, at 11:00 a.m. in the Funeral Home, followed by burial with Navy Honors in Tewksbury Cemetery. G.A.C. Service Friday at 4:30. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association of MA, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472, will be appreciated. tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Peter Tracy and his companion Eleni Kalafatis, Ben and Mark Tracy, Rachel Moffat, Tracy Keen and her husband Robert, John Moffat and his wife Courtney, and Amanda Halprin; three great grandchildren, Julia and Aaron Keen, and Brian Moffat; two brothers, Robert Ritchie and his wife Elaine of Tewksbury and John Ritchie of Wilmington; one sister, Pauline McCue of Nashua, NH; her brother-in-law, David Hinckley and his wife Barbara of Tewksbury; also many nieces and nephews.

Mary was the sister of the late Charles Ritchie.

Calling hours were Sunday, Dec. 28, from 4-7 p.m., at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury. Her funeral was held Monday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 a.m. from the funeral home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m., at St. William's Church, 1351 Main St., Rte. 38, Tewksbury. Interment was at Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Salvation Army, 150 Appleton St., Lowell, MA 01852 or to the Lowell Humane Society Animal Shelter, 951 Broadway St., Lowell, MA 01854. www.farmeranddee.com

Two Wilmington residents earn degrees from BU

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,622 students in September 2014.

Receiving degrees were Wilmington residents Pradheep Vemula, Master of Science in Medical Science and Alexandra M. Prochorski, Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in sci-

ence and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU), a non-profit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

Elizabeth McAuliffe

Formerly of Wilmington

BEDFORD, NH - Elizabeth "Betty" McAuliffe, 82, of Bedford, NH, formerly of Wilmington, died August 18, 2014.

Born in Massachusetts on June 25, 1932, she was the daughter of Alphonso and Elsie (Muller) Martini. She lived in Wilmington, MA for many years. Later, she resided in Salem before moving to Salem, NH.

Betty spent her life as a homemaker.

She will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother. Family members include

two sons, John McAuliffe of Ipswich, MA and Paul McAuliffe of Rowley, MA. She was predeceased by her daughter, Mady McAuliffe of Canton, MA.

Services: Following cremation, funeral services will be held at a later date.

The Connor-Healy funeral Home and Cremation Center, 537 Union Street, Manchester, NH is in charge of the arrangements. For more information, please visit : www.connorhealy.com.

Norma L. Powers

Many years in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Norma L. (Harris) Powers, age 78, of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on December 26, 2014. Norma was the beloved wife of the late Frank C. Powers, Sr., devoted mother of Debra Okolo & her husband Roger of Fremont, NH, Michael Manuel & his wife Joanne of Dracut, Catherine Sheehan of Wilmington, the late Steven Manuel, Anne Powers of North Andover, Frank C. Powers, Jr. of Bakersfield, CA and Christina Chalifour & her husband Lou of Salem, NH, loving "Nana" of Kim Crespo, Jenn Lopez, Heather Gilman, Steven Powers, Amanda Powers, Bryan Sheehan, Felicia LaBonte, Diana Powers, Crystal Powers, Frankie Powers, Matthew Powers, Celina Chalifour and 11 great-grandchildren, cherished daughter of the late Richard and Hazel (Taylor) Harris, dear sister of Nancy Saulnier of Epsom, NH and Ellen MacDonald of West Jordan, UT. Norma is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, as well



as her beloved dog, Coco.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on December 31st from 3:00-6:00 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 6:00 p.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Norma's memory may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 85 Astor Avenue #2, Norwood, MA 02062.

Columbus "Chris" Russo

Formerly of Billerica

SARASOTA FL - Columbus "Chris" Russo, age 85, of Sarasota, FL, formerly a long-time resident of Billerica died peacefully on December 25, 2014. Chris was the beloved husband of Helen F. (Cahill) Russo, devoted father of the late David Russo, cherished son of the late Angelo and Angelina (Romando) Russo, dear brother of Catherine Riga of Pepperell, Anna Lisacki of Woburn, the late Anthony, Frederick, Charles, Rudolph "Rudy", and Angelo "Rico" Russo, and Mary Wingert. Chris was the dear brother-in-law of Kathleen Light, Ronald Cahill, the late James, John,

Hubert, and Thomas Cahill, Anne Meuse, and Margaret Webster and is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, January 2nd from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and will be followed by a Graveside Service at the Fox Hill Cemetery, 130 Andover Road, Billerica. Memorial donations in Chris' memory may be made to The National Kidney Foundation, 85 Astor Avenue #2, Norwood, MA 02062.

Johnston makes Dean's List

MCPHS University is pleased to announce that Katherine Johnston has been named to the Dean's List for the Summer 2014 semester. Johnston is a native of Wilmington and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Johnston will graduate from the Boston, Massachusetts campus.

The Dean's List recognizes those students with a full-time course load who have

achieved outstanding scholarship with a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic term.

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Christmas morning has come and gone and you've turned your attention towards some New Year's festivities. With your Christmas tree and unwrapped gifts now unattended, your pets may be looking for a little holiday celebration of their own.

You've probably seen the YouTube videos of cats stuck in trees or climbing inside toy boxes and dogs searching Christmas stockings for leftover treats. It's important to remember that your animals could become seriously injured by seemingly innocent materials. For example, if you haven't done so already, clear all wrapping paper, bows and other trash off the floor. Pets may initially treat them as toys, then chew or ingest them. If you hang treats, toys or edible ornaments like cranberries or popcorn strings on the tree, your pet may be tempted to reach for those goodies and inadvertently bring the tree down. It's never too late to anchor your tree so it does not tip over.

As your tree dries out, be vigilant about picking up pine needles which are toxic to cats and dogs. Discard any broken ornaments - shards of glass can injure little paws. Check for low hanging lights and ornaments which may lure your pets under the tree. Keep tinsel out of reach - it is easily mistaken for a toy, especially by cats, and if swallowed can cause intestinal blockage.

Depending on how long you keep your tree, water in the base becomes moldy and may contain pine sap, resin

and needles, making it dangerous for your pets should they drink it. Fertilizer and commercial tree saver mixes are toxic. Pet MD recommends covering the water with tin foil or hanging Christmas bells near the base which will create a noise if your pet is thirsty and attempts to drink from it.

If you buy or receive holiday arrangements, the fragrant lily (tiger, Asiatic and Stargazer) is toxic to cats - ingesting just a small amount of leaves results in severe illness. Holly, poinsettias and mistletoe are poisonous to dogs and cats so keep those out of reach too. Try bouquets with roses, marigold, orchids or daisies. Otherwise opt for plastic and silk arrangements instead.

New Year's Eve, loud noises may startle your pets. Be sure they are wearing tags with proper identification in the event they exit the home. If you want your cats and dogs to remain indoors, remind guests who may inadvertently let them out.

New people - even those who have visited before - may stress your animals, so keep them comfortable in a quiet area of the house and be sure to let guests know.

If you're hosting a New Year's party and your cats or dogs are free to mingle, then remember to keep harmful food out of their reach. ASPCA Vice President Dr. Louise Murray says, "It's okay to give either a dog or cat a piece of cooked turkey with no skin or bones, but you should stop there. There's enough chaos in the household, strangers coming and going, all kinds



Cooper the Beagle gets his yearly check up with Dr. Shawn Le Blanc and Dr. Mark Fagan. Cooper's humans, Jillian and Kaylin with their friend Krysta look on supported by the entire staff, Cara Seiffert, Steven Shainker, Sarah Walsh, Christi Rivett, Katelyn Moore and Kate Hevey.

Photo by BruceHilliard.com

of excitement and even that alone can cause GI upset. If you add on lots of different foods they're not accustomed to, foods that are rich or greasy, you're really making a recipe for an upset stomach. You don't want to have to clean up diarrhea or vomit on top of all your other holiday tasks."

Baked goods and chocolates are abundant during the holidays. Chocolate is harmful to your pet and the darker the chocolate the more dangerous it is, say pet nutrition experts. Coffee and caffeine is also dangerous. All three contain

methylxanthines which if ingested causes a variety of symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst and urination, hyperactivity or tremors. In some cases it could be fatal.

Products that contain xylitol, found in gum, candy and baked goods are also toxic and can be fatal. Dogs should not be fed macadamia nuts, commonly found in cookies and candies. Grapes, raisins and currents, commonly found in fruitcakes, can lead to kidney failure.

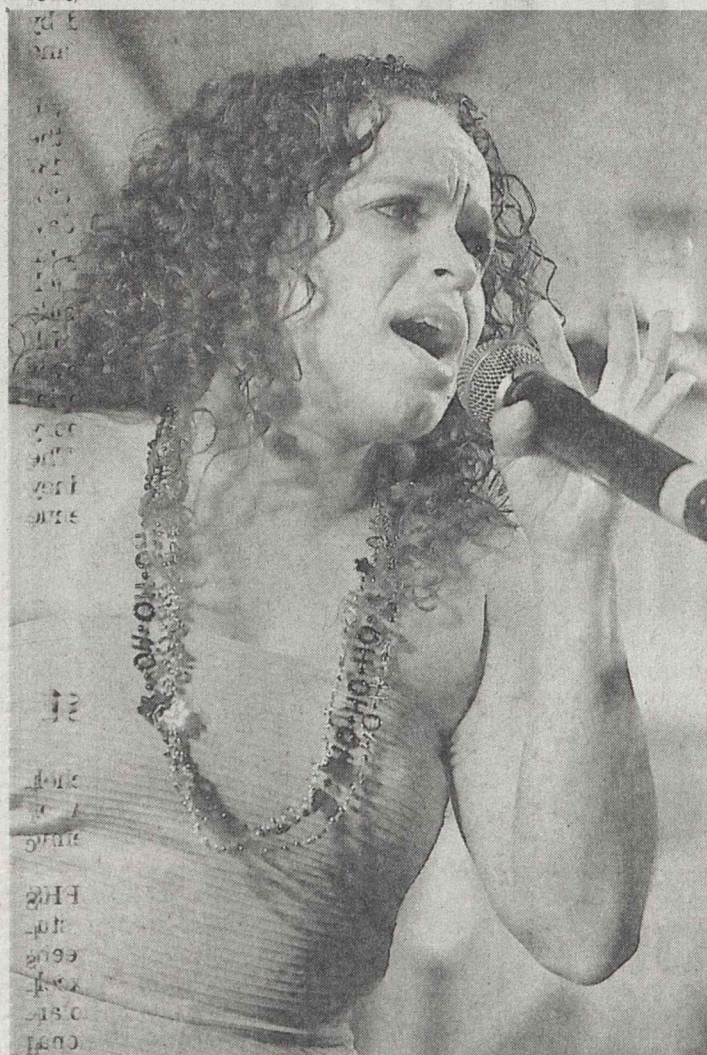
Avoid feeding your cat, dog, bird or rodent avocado. Yeast dough is particularly dangerous if eaten; it can accumulate in the digestive system which is painful to the animal. Onions, garlic and chives cause gastrointestinal irritation, especially for cats and large amounts of salt can cause excessive thirst and urination.

Although it may seem tempting to feed your animal a treat, it's best to stick with their normal diet. Make sure guests - especially young children - are aware of the rules.

These tips should help keep your pets safe during the holidays, however if your pet is exhibiting abnormal behavior, has something stuck in its throat, or has other symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea, call your veterinarian. If you feel your pet has eaten something toxic, call the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435. There is a \$69.00 fee per incident. The Pet Poison Helpline is (800) 313-6680, with a \$35 fee per incident.

Last Saturday Night at the Tewksbury Country Club

American All Star Band: Perfect Performance!

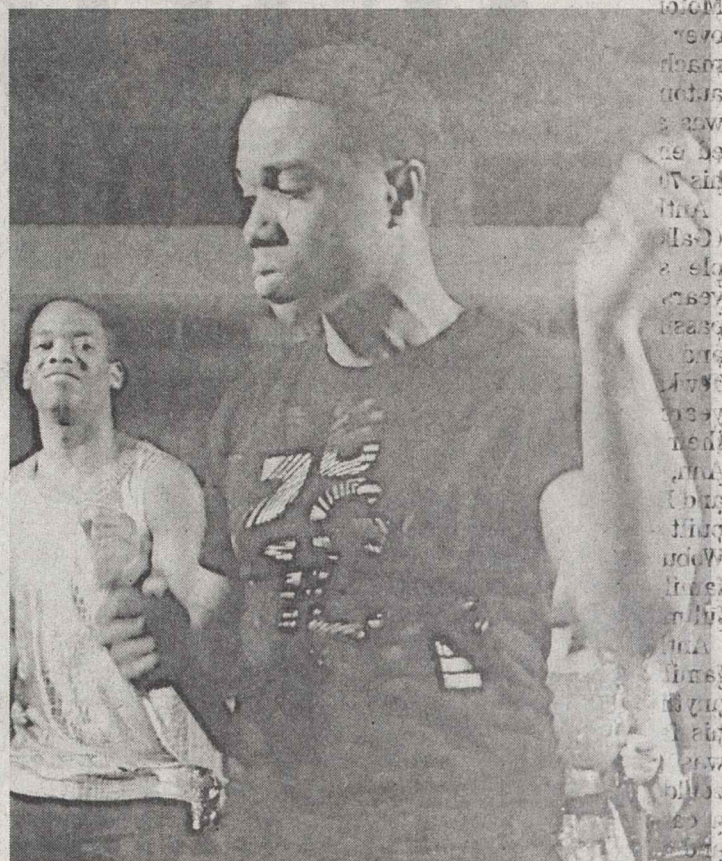


Buster Poindexter. The dance floor was packed with the holiday crowd.

The line up goes like this: Jim Pullano bass/manager, Lead vocalist Jennifer Stevens, a small woman with a big voice, who is a talent to watch. Mark Joseph lead vocals, Clarence Morton lead vocals, Lydia Lyon lead vocals, Christian Serres Lead vocals, Masa Takahashi guitar, Mark Vadnais percussion, D-Train Wiley on drums, Dominic French on keys, Karl Bryan sax. Michael Prentky trombone and Scott Carriere on trumpet. Gary Senarian from Wilmington is also a manager along with Philip Orifice from Fitchburg, Ma.

Every show is customized... Whether a full on dance party with classic rhythm and blues, disco, pop and rock, or a big band set, The American All Star Band nails the tunes. And AAB members are real performers. They have a passion to entertain. The singers and musicians put on a very interactive show. One moment your guests will be on stage and the next the singers and horns will join other guests on the packed dance floor. The show Saturday night included some guests on the dance floor taking turns singing with the band!

But the American All Star Band is not only musically outstanding. They have the credits to back it up. Band veterans have shared the stage with international stars including Ray Charles, Earth Wind & Fire, Meatloaf and The Temptations to name a few. AAB was selected to perform for President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore and other dignitaries. With all this under their belt, you can be assured you are being entertained by some of the best musicians in the Greater Boston area.



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Jennifer Stevens belts out "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" going back to 1967, the Tammi Terrell/Marvin Gay hit written by Ashford and Simpson.

The room was filled with young and old as the American All Star Band took the stage They kicked off with the standard, Sam & Dave's "Soul Man" ... 5 singers up front and a killer brass section, backed with keys, percussion, guitar and the famous Jim Pullano on bass, holding every thing together. These guys are good, a great tribute to the best of the 60's and 70's all the way up to Lady Ga Ga.

We vary rarely hear such a well rehearsed, refined, bunch of local, musicians ... with so many important connections in the music world. Remember Boston has turned into the "Mecca" of music education. People from all over the world come here to study. The band played three long sets with music ranging from R&B, disco, current pop to traditional Christmas tunes to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" made famous by Judy Garland back in 1939!

The first set showcased Stevie Wonder's "Signed Sealed Delivered", "Lady Marmalade" ... Pattie Labelle and the Blue bells, "Jungle Boogie", a 1973 hit from Cool and the Gang.... finishing up with "Hot Hot Hot" a tune written in 1982 by "Arrow" made famous by David Johansen original lead man with the New York Dolls, singing as his alter ego



American All Star Band filled the room with sight and sound.



Tewksbury Police Log

Many suspicious cars in town

December 22nd, 2014

12:58 AM - BOLO from Lowell stop and hold involving in a home invasion with gun shown. Vehicle showing to 308 Pine Street. Daniel Trinidad, 19 of 25 Lilley Street in Lowell, and William Delacruz, 22 of 91 Center Street from Methuen, were arrested and charged with courtesy booking.

4:43 PM - Female party walked into the lobby to report her ex husband refused to give her their children for a visitation. Log entry only at this time.

5:58 PM - Caller from 15 Randolph Drive reporting two individuals rang his doorbell stating they were with the Liberty Power but they did not provide identification. Caller stated that they saw the vehicle. Police located the vehicle on Quail Run. Police reporting the parties were advised of the soliciting bylaw. Filed a report.

5:58 PM - Christopher Cady, 28 of 855 Brookline Road in Mason New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession of class A drug. Billie Cox, 26 of 15 Baker Avenue in Greenville, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possess of class A drugs and two accounts of possess class E drugs.

December 23rd, 2014

2:27 AM - Alarm company reporting a commercial burglar alarm at Advanced Auto Parts showing front motion. Police responding. Police reporting false alarm; the building is secure at this time.

December 24th, 2014

1:27 AM - Caller reporting she can hear a male and a female argument near 312 Pine Street. Police sent and the police spoke with the caller. The area check: unfounded.

1:56 AM - 911 call from the manager from Holiday Inn reporting a suspicious white vehicle in the parking lot. Police responding. Filed a report.

2:40 AM - A 911 call from male party reporting he hears his roommate's friend and her boyfriend fighting at 7 Berkeley Street. Police sent. Police sent out with Billerica PD on Sheldon Road, Billerica with the female involved. Police reporting it was a verbal argument only. Billerica PD is transporting the female back to High Street, Billerica. Filed a report.

December 25th, 2014

6:33 AM - Passerby reporting he observed a white Altima driving up and down in the area at Ronald Drive. Police sent. Vehicle located in the driveway on Bayberry unoccupied.

1:03 PM - Male party came to the station reporting his brother stole money from his account at 6 Crescent Street. The officer requested to speak to with the party. Filed a report.

4:59 PM - Caller reporting a male snooping around the area of 160 Helvetia Street. Male made eye contact with a visitor and took off into the woods to his vehicle (no plate or description) parked at Crescent Circle. Police reporting male party is gone on arrival.

December 26th, 2014

12:47 AM - Caller reporting that there is a suspicious dark sedan at First Class Auto Service and there are parties walking around the parking lot. Police sent and they report they spoke with an employee; he was working on a car and will be closing for the night.

5:47 AM - Stephen Gerrior, 38 of 1124 Ames Hill Drive in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with the warrant for probation violation.

4:26 PM - Caller reporting loud drums at 270 Foster Road at 28 Rocky Avenue. Police spoke with the caller and the drummer who will keep the noise within reason.

6:05 PM - Female caller reporting a suspicious vehicle driving around the neighborhood going from driveway to driveway at 62 William G Drive. No description give, no plate given. Caller called back stating vehicle left towards Kendall Road. Police reporting the vehicle is gone on arrival.

8:21 PM - Caller reporting a female party looking through vehicles in the Walmart parking lot. Police sent. Police spoke to the female who was asking people for change.

December 27th, 2014

8:32 PM - 911 hang up from 15 Rolling Meadow Road on call back male answered to state that his daughter fell on the coffee table and is now okay. Ambulance was refused. Police confirmed that it was accidental.

10:59 PM - Caller reporting someone in the club house banging flashing lights at Carter Green. Police sent. Police reporting party is shut down. DJ stopped playing at 11. They have the hall until midnight but are clearing out early. Police spoke with the caller.

December 28th, 2014

4:53 PM - Caller from Livingston Street Park parking lot reporting she was walking her dog in the woods and she found a suitcase containing personnel items. Police sent. Police then retrieved the item and is

returning them to the station with it. Police got in contact with a possible owner and he stated he would be down to look at the property. Male party stated the items came from his old car that he sold and he does not have the name and phone number of the person who purchased the car.

6:15 PM - Multiple callers reporting hearing loud "bangs" on 1 Juniper Lane at 250 North Street. Police responding. Police

reporting gone on arrival and they also spoke with the caller.

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Wilmington Police Log

Not safe in your own driveway

Monday, December 22nd:

4:44 PM: A black sedan reportedly struck a Toyota Scion and drove away from the scene of the collision on the Route 125 Highway. No one was injured in the collision, and the Scion sustained minor damages.

Tuesday, December 23rd:

3:12 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Ford Fusion and a GMC Canyon occurred on Church St. Both vehicles sustained minor damages in the collision, and neither operator involved was injured in the collision.

7:26 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Lowell St. and Parker St. Both vehicles sustained minor damages and neither operator involved was injured in the collision.

Wednesday, December 24th:

12:34 AM: Edwin Lubas, 61, of 116 Lafayette St. in Salem was arrested on Adelaide St. due to an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Thursday, December 25th:

12:01 AM: Reports from all over town of the clatter and a clammer of reindeer and a large bearded man yelling "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Friday, December 26th:

12:34 PM: A horse bridle valued at \$200 was stolen from a residence on Chestnut St. The thief remains at large.

Saturday, December 27th:

11:51 PM: A residence on Ohio St. was egged during the night.

Sunday, December 28th:

8:23 AM: A house on New Hampshire Rd. was egged during the night, with hot dogs being left on one of the resident's vehicles.

4:05 PM: A three way motor vehicle collision occurred at the Shell Gas Station on Main Street involving a Toyota Corolla, Honda CRV, and Subaru Legacy. All three vehicles were towed from the scene, and no mention of the conditions of any operators involved were reported in the official log.

5:49 PM: A Jeep Grand Cherokee struck a Ford Fusion in its driveway on Carolyn Rd. The Jeep was towed from the scene following the collision, and the operator involved was not injured; he was given court summons for operating his motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

A Healthier Lifestyle in the New Year

The library is offering a series of programs in January that focus on a healthier lifestyle with stress reduction techniques.

Healing Arts

The Healing Power of Reiki with Joanna Scaparotti (RR)
Thursday, January 8, 7:00 pm

Reiki is a Japanese system of natural healing to bring mind, body and spirit into balance. For most people, the first introduction to Reiki is as a service available at a hospital, wellness center or spa. In this program, Reiki teacher Joanna Scaparotti will explore the history and context of Reiki, discuss its principles and practice, and finish with an experiential exercise and Reiki demonstration with the help of Reiki students.

Meditation for Healthy Living with Dr. Allan Hughes (RR)

Thursday, January 22, 7pm
We try to exercise and eat right to stay fit and healthy. But doctors are now recognizing that a positive attitude and 'food for the soul' are just as important. Discover a simple meditation technique that can melt away stress and enhance a healthy living regimen. Join Dr. Allan Hughes, who has been meditating for over 30 years, for this engaging and powerful workshop. There will be a meditation sitting as well!

Introduction to Qi Gong (RR)

Thursday, January 29, 7 pm
If you've always wondered what a chakra is or how it impacts your life, then wonder no more! Qigong practitioner Allison Sloan will discuss how to develop your potential through gentle stretching, breath and movement, and balance. Make sure and wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes, so you can raise your hands up and side-side, and flat shoes or sneakers.

Events for Job Hunters

How to Create an Attention Getting Resume

Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 pm

Bonnie Petrovich, a certified career and executive coach, will go over what is now working in the marketplace. "Must-have" sections for a resume and optional ones that you may want to incorporate will be discussed. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their current resume.

You Got the Interview-Now What! (RR)

Monday, January 12, 10 am

This workshop will focus on how to efficiently research a specific position and organization, develop effective responses to standard (and unusual!) interview questions and implement a successful interview prep strategy to help you ace every interview. Presented by Barbara Alevras, PMP, founder of Sage Consulting

Services that provides strategic planning, strategy execution, and marketing consulting services to small businesses and non-profits. In addition, Barbara facilitates local MasterMind groups that offer development strategies, accountability, and support to professionals-in-transition.

Boston Business Journal In Your Job Search

Monday, January 26, 9:45 am coffee, 10 am Speaker

The Boston Business Journal is the leading business publication covering regional business. This seminar will offer tips and suggestions on how to incorporate this valuable tool into your job search.

Crafts and Music

Tuesday Night Craft: DIY Mini Zen Garden (ages 16+, limit 12, cost \$5.00)

Tuesday, January 13, 7 pm

Find your inner Zen by creating your very own desktop Japanese rock garden using natural materials. Create a calming scene to aid in quiet introspection and meditation. Register at the library's Information Desk.

Senior Tones

Thursday, January 15, 2:30 pm

Enjoy an afternoon break with music by The Senior Tones, a band of retirees who love to play the oldies. Howie Conley began the group in 2008 with musical senior ice hockey players. They perform songs from the 50's and 60's, and are a big hit in the community.

Tech Programs

Microsoft PowerPoint (RR)
Tuesday, January 6, 2:30 pm

This hands-on Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 class will cover such topics as explanation of the various tabs found on "The Ribbon", how to apply themes, and how to insert pictures and videos.

Microsoft Surface (RR)

Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 pm

Come see Microsoft's answer to the iPad. It was for this type of device that Windows 8 was designed, so the basics of Windows 8 will be covered as well. If you have a Surface, bring it with you.

iPad Basics (RR)

Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 pm

Bring your iPad and get some guided hands-on experience. Such topics as connecting to a new wireless network, what different gestures do, downloading apps, and borrowing e-books will be covered.

Teen Events

Dungeons & Dragons Event
Monday, January 19, 3-6pm

Join library page Hunter twice a month to play this popular fantasy role-playing game. All teens, from veteran players to complete newbies, are welcome to join.

Tweens:

Make Your Own 3D Comic Book (RR)

Tuesday, January 20, 3pm.

Watch your favorite comic book come to life. Use crafting materials to build a background in a shoebox, and then create props to give the scene dimension. Open to grades 4-8.

Tween Craft:

Duct Tape Hair Bows (RR)

Thursday, January 22, 3pm

Choose from different patterns of duct tape to create a fun and eye-catching hair clip. Open to grades 4-8.

Children's Events

Mother-Daughter Jewelry Making (RR)

Wednesday, January 7, 6:30 pm

Girl's night out! Girls in grades K-3 and the special women in their lives are invited to create beaded bracelets together.

LEGO Building (RR)

Thursday, January 8, 3:45 pm

Build a unique LEGO creation. Each month there will be a different theme. Kindergarten+

Drop-In Storytime

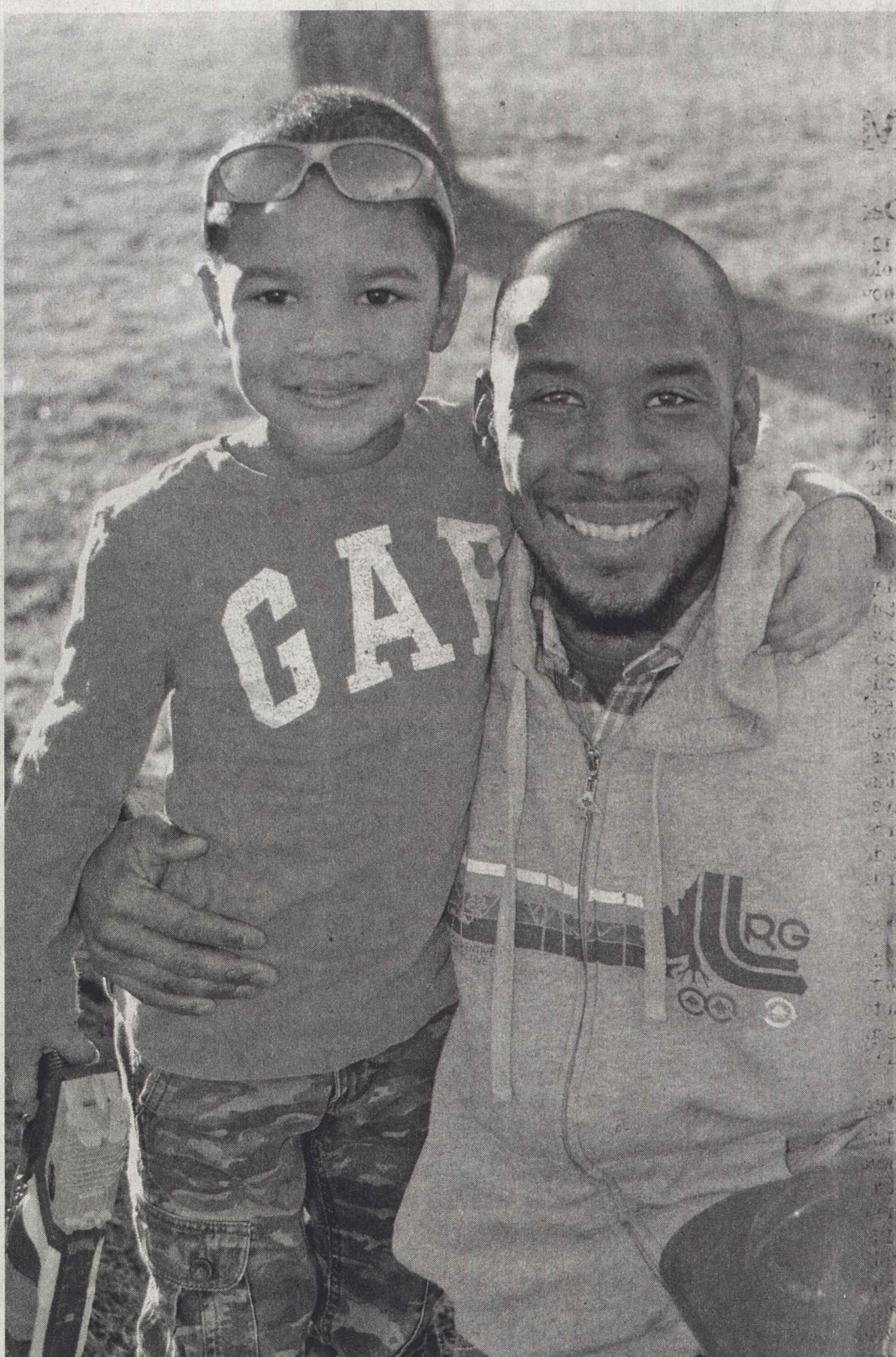
Friday, January 9, 10 am

Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and a fun craft! Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults.

Dads and Donuts

Saturday, January 10, 10 am

Dads and their kids ages two and up are invited to drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more. Moms, grandparents and other caregivers are welcome, too! Ages: 2-5 and one or more adults.



Justice Eutsay, Jr.'s New Years Resolution is to "play with his toy trucks" and his dad, Justice Eutsay, Sr.'s is "to be a better dad, everyday." Photo by Maureen Brady/www.shootingstarspix.com

Wilmington Recreation Department's latest newsletter

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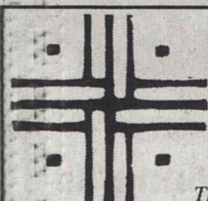
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Burlington School district to pilot learning initiative

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dents to go outside and play in the snow so they can get their physical activity.

2) Creating projects for students to work on - For example, a book students have to read strictly for snow days would be assigned with questions for them to reflect on. Another project idea could be to write a short story or draw some pictures. Conti did note that the problem with this option is if it is a multi-day project and there is only one snow day, the work (such as the book project) becomes meaningless.

3) Wait to see how many snow days there are before making a commitment - This option has been viewed the most favorably by districts throughout the country. Conti provided an example: say a district misses three days due to snow (hypothetically requires a makeup of 15 hours of instruction), a district could then set up integrated projects over the two months when winter is over where students would have to complete the assignments for that lost time. In addition to being grade-level specific, it would be incorporated into their learning and teachers would be able to provide feedback. Students who did not do the work would have those three days count as absences.

"The benefit is a set hard end-day to the school year, and that last day would remain as is," explained Conti. "This is the option the administrative team likes the best."

Conti stated the purpose of the pilot is to implement it

for this school year and provide feedback to the DOE, who granted permission for this to take place in Burlington and Wayland. The school district will likely collaborate with Wayland in order to come up with the best option for the initiative.

The School Committee was generally in favor of this request for approval, as the fact that no real commitment by the district is necessary since it's a pilot program that will only run for this year appeased any real concerns by the members.

Member Thomas Murphy, Jr. expounded on this point while declaring his support for the district to be a part of the pilot.

"The purpose of a pilot is to give a new idea a try and see if it works," he said. "Let's see how it works and what problems arise, if any. There is no sense in waiting until mid-January to give the green light to the pilot because it might snow three or four times between now and then. Now is the appropriate time."

Vice Chair Christine Monaco was the lone vote against the pilot because she felt a vote on the initiative at this point was "rushed" and recommended putting it off for further analysis.

However, approving it now provides ample time to figure out the approach the administration wants to take with this before impending snow storms make their mark in the coming weeks.

With that, the School Committee voted 4-1-0 in favor of the implementation of the pilot for this school year. Vice Chair Monaco voted against.



By the oven are (L to R) Employee Janelle, Nevada (manager), Kayla Ward, Meghan Consorti, Alyssa Schuurman, Cara Wong, Kelli Sculer. Courtesy photo

Not just making cookies anymore

Girls Scouts tour Flat Bread Pizza

Girls Scouts from Troop 62002 got a hands-on tour of The Flat Bread Company in Bedford, MA. The girls are working on their New Cuisine badge and learned about organic, locally grown, sustainable farming and business.

The girls learned how Flat Bread started in VT. The company grows some of their own produce and herbs. They compost their paper and food scraps and buy from local organic and free range farms. One of the things they thought was great was the company gives their lettuce and other unusable green scraps to a bunny rehabilitation farm. They learned how they make their own pepperoni, tomato sauce and saw them cooking sausage in the giant cauldron. Some of their furniture and other decor is made from salvaged lumber and other materials that would

otherwise go into a landfill. The girls each got to make their own flat bread pizza. The manager, Nevada, who gave the tour was great. The entire staff was very friendly.



The Tewksbury/Wilmington Red Cats U12 girls hockey team remain undefeated with a win over Wakefield U14 this weekend. The win puts the Red Cats at 11-0-4 and in first place atop the MYCGL Mid South Division. The girls have been strong all year lead by forwards Lydia Pendleton, Sam Taber, Ida Bishop, Toni and Sofia Brunetto, Zoe DeRose, Kiley Flynn, Tory Sweeney, Emily Sartori, and Courtney Curtin. Defense has been solid from Eryn Taber, Alexis Raymond, Victoria Schille, and Kerri Palmer. Goaltending from Kristen Curley and Michelle Kusmaul has kept the undefeated streak alive giving up an average of just 1.9 goals per game. Great job girls and go Red Cats! (Missing from photo are Eryn and Sam Taber.)

Courtesy photo

Darby, Malden Catholic students, participate in Model Congress Conference

The Malden Catholic Model Congress Club recently participated in the Yale University Model Congress Conference. Eleven students from Malden Catholic High School traveled to Yale in New Haven, CT, for the four-day event.

"This is an excellent learning experience for our students," said Thomas Doherty, Malden Catholic Headmaster. "We are very proud that Malden Catholic students have the opportunity to spend time at Yale University, learning about our democratic process."

The lone local student to participate was Matt Derby, a senior from Wilmington.

"These students did an excellent job drafting their bills, and they acted on an interesting array of mock legislation," said Glenn Harvey, Malden Catholic Model Congress moderator and Social Studies Department Chair. "All of the bills presented by our students passed within their small committees and we had two bills presented and passed in full committees."

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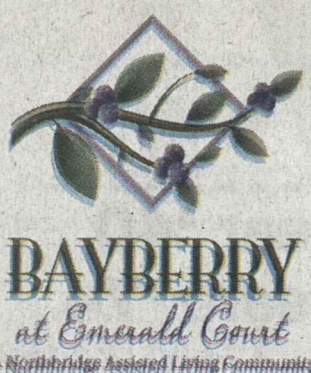


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Wilmington Town Crier's 21st Annual:

Male Athlete of the Year: Evan Raffi

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

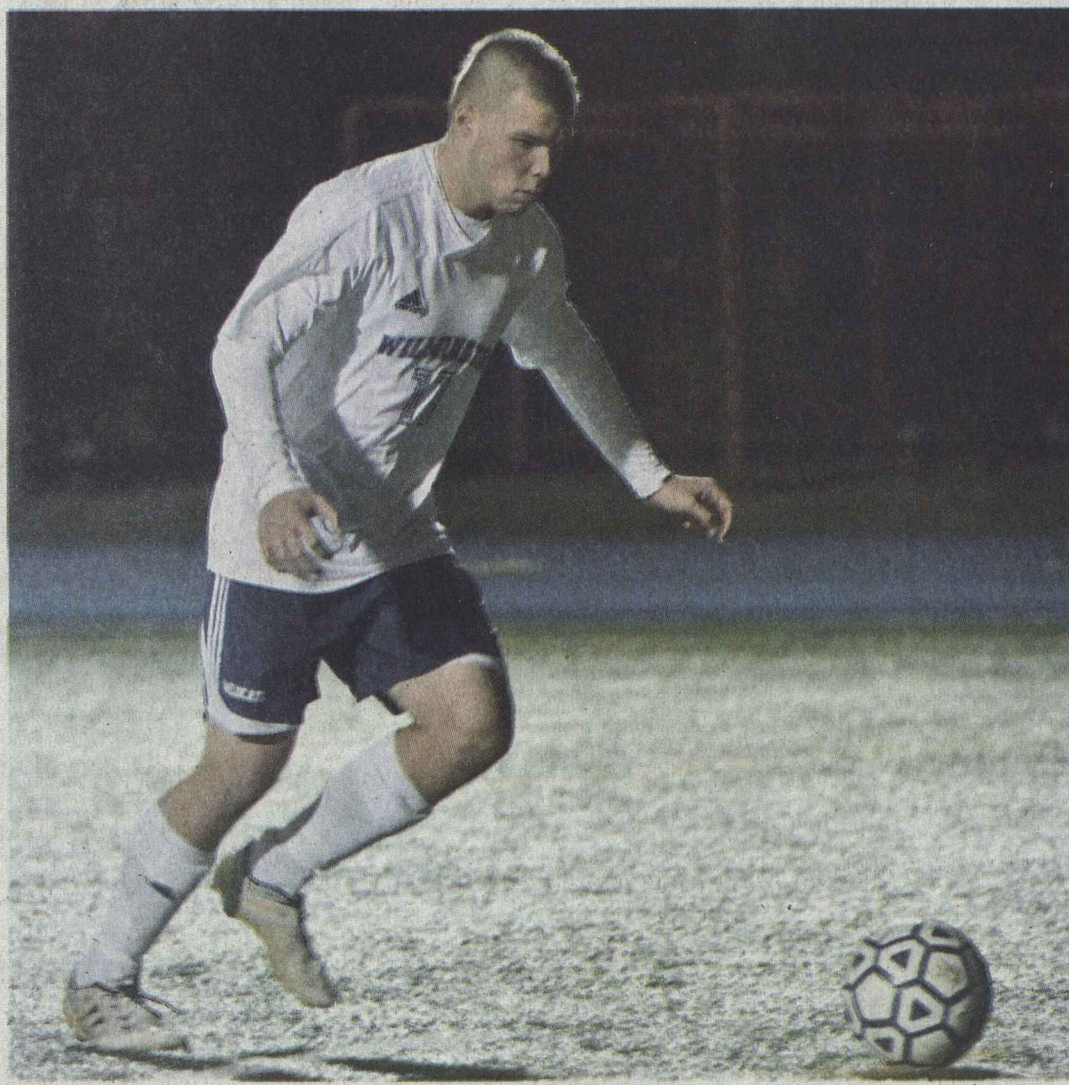
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Much like Lauren Fitch, the Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year, Evan Raffi doesn't have a long list of accolades, hasn't broken any school records and hasn't been named an All-Scholastic or anything. His story is different than those previous selections. While his athletic story is unique, there's certainly a lot to be said for what he accomplished this calendar year, in basketball, baseball and soccer. He clearly stands out as the school's lone senior athlete, who had great success in three different high level sports, and that and many other reasons, is why Raffi is this year's Town Crier Male Athlete of the Year.

"Evan is one of the toughest competitors Wilmington has had in recent memory," said WHS Athletic Director Ed Harrison. "He comes ready to play whether it's practice or a game. It doesn't matter what he playing - soccer, basketball or baseball - it's a pleasure to watch him do his thing."

Said Baseball Coach Aldo Caira, "Evan bleeds blue. In all fairness to our other athletes, Evan is Mr. Wilmington High School. He loves the uniforms he wears. He wears them with pride and represents the school and town to the fullest."

Raffi is now just one of two male and female choices over 21 years to have earned a varsity letter in four different sports (Julie Gillis the other). Come this June, Raffi will have earned eight varsity letters, including three in baseball, two each in soccer and basketball and one in football. He stopped playing football after his sophomore year because of concussions, and two years later he was named to the Middlesex League All-Star soccer squad which is an



Wilmington High senior Evan Raffi was named to the Middlesex League All-Star Soccer team this past fall after helping the team win its third straight Freedom Division title. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

incredible accomplishment.

Currently Raffi is a three-sport captain who ranks in the top 20 percent of his class. He was a part of two league championship teams this calendar year, including the baseball team's magical season, the best in almost 20 years. He batted lead-off and played right field in baseball, was the basketball team's top defender over the second half of the season after being inserted into the line-up, and anchored the soccer team's defense which had 11 regular season shut outs, and eventually earned all-league honors as well as being selected to the Lowell Sun All-Star team.



Evan Raffi battles for a loose ball during the team's opening season loss to Woburn. He is known for his defense on the court. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

"Evan is a great choice (for this award)," said Caira. "He is probably one of only a hand full of athletes who can be remembered as a four-sport star and one who excelled in all four - football, soccer, basketball and baseball."

NO LONGER THE 12TH MAN

Before the 2013'14 basketball season begun, Raffi was given his role to the team.

"At the beginning of the season (Coach Joe Maiella) told a couple of us that we were going to have to work hard in the practice line, and we would have minimal playing time at the varsity level so I found myself splitting time with JV and Varsity," said Raffi.

At the mid-point of the season, and the varsity team mired in a long losing streak, Maiella changed up the starting line-up and put Raffi, as well as Ryan Horgan into the line-up and the team started to generate a spark, but passion, and some overall better overall play, especially defensively.

"I feel as if my strongest part of my game is defense so I was always matched up against (opposing team's) quickest guy or tough player and I was real good on the press, so that's how I earned my spot in the line-up," said Raffi.

In the end, Wilmington struggled with a 3-17 record. Since then the team lost its best point guard in James O'Regan who transferred, but have started out this season with a 2-1 record.

"We were tough on ourselves," he said about last year's season. "We started out real slow but I felt like we built up during the year and we finally realized what we had to do to get some more points on the scoreboard, and what we needed to do to keep teams from scoring. We just had to work harder, we had to come ready to play for every game and I think that the hardest thing for us. We just had to come ready to play and ready to dive on the floor. As the season went on, there were definitely some improvements but the issue was finishing off games and staying in games."

"With the seniors we have coming back, the players we have returning, I think if we

come ready to play, we're going to be one hard team to beat this year. It's tough losing James, the point guard and one of our leading scorers last year but I think we can pull everything together and give almost all of the Middlesex League teams a run for their money."

Raffi is known for his incredible hard work, his passion, his grit, his intensity, his leadership and his voice on the benches and fields. Basketball is no different.

"First of all Evan is a very hard worker," said Maiella. "He's a tremendous worker. He's a great leader. The intensity he brings - in every sport. I watched him a few times in soccer and he just brings intensity, especially here on the court and it's just unbelievable. Everyone on our team needs to match the intensity that he brings every single night. That's what he brings for us, his defense and his intensity."

Evan's going to the guy who defends the other team's best player, or best guard along with Matt Spurr. Evan just brings that intensity, that hard work, that defense and that leadership. And he's a great kid who will do anything you want and he will run through a wall for you."

PROVIDING A SPARK

Before his sophomore season, Raffi had always been a catcher in baseball. He made the varsity team as a tenth grader but Corey Stillings had the catching spot to himself so Caira put Raffi in right field. In his two seasons, he has a combined batting average of .313 including 12 doubles, 12 RBI and 9 stolen bases, while playing a very solid right field.

"The coaching staff realized from the start during Evan's freshman year that he was going to be quite a player for us," said Caira. "After a couple of games on the freshman team we moved him right up to JV where he flourished and became the team's best hitter. In his sophomore year, we recognized that he would be an immediate help on the varsity. The unfortunate part for him was that he was a catcher and I had Stillings, who was going into his third

year with me. Needing Evan to be in the line-up because of his bat, we floated the idea of him playing right field. He never balked at that even though he wanted to catch and he has become one of if not the best right fielder in the Middlesex League."

"This coming year is going to be a challenge for us (staff), as the big question is do we take the best right fielder out of right and possible weaken a position to let him catch or do we find another catcher who will be able to fill Corey's cleats and keep him in right to bolster the outfield? That's something that's going to have to work it's way out early in camp in order for us to contend again this year."

Raffi, a left-handed hitter, was tremendous as a lead-off hitter, setting the table for the line drive hitters like Jimmy Davey, Jackson Gillis and Jamie Hill. The offense was pretty consistent all season long. That along with the pitching of Gillis, Mike Curtis, Matt Woods and Joe Scurto, earned the team 14 wins, while capturing both the Scanlon Memorial Tournament title in exciting fashion, as well as the Middlesex League Freedom Division title. The Wildcats went on to play in the state tournament, beating Arlington, before losing to the eventual Division 2 champions from Masconomet Regional.

"Having Evan in the lead off position for the past couple of years is like having the engine that pulls the train," said Caira. "It seems that when he leads off with his patterned opposite field double down the left field line it jump starts the team and gets us rolling in the right direction."

Raffi's speed and athleticism certainly was instrumental in the baseball team's success, but the kid says the difference was the entire team coming ready to play and utilizing its strengths.

"We got the offense going and we had a real good season," he said. "We had Jackson and Curtis but we needed the third pitcher. Matt Woods and Joe Scurto both stepped up, then we kept our hitting going throughout the entire season. I think we were also a lot more focused in the field this year than the year before when I was a sophomore."

He added that the highlights of the season included

the wins over Chelmsford and Arlington.

"Winning the Scanlon Tournament was a great way to end the regular season. To win it, in a walk-off win against a real good Chelmsford team was great. That got us going in the tournament. We beat Arlington 1-0 in a real tough game. We knew Masco was a real good team and they were - they ended up winning the state championship, but it was a let down losing to them. But we gave it our all. We just couldn't get our offense going against them and they got theirs going. That was the difference in the game."

PULLING OUT THE STOPS

Much like basketball, Raffi entered his senior soccer season without a lot of varsity experience. He was called up from the JV team during his junior year after an injury to one of the starters and had a solid impact on the team the rest of the way. After the entire starting line-up graduated, Raffi was one of the few players with varsity experience heading into this season.

"Evan's our most experienced player (this year) and he's just a tough kid who always comes ready to play," said soccer coach Steve Scanlon before the season started. "He has decent skills but what carries him is his work ethic. He just works, works and works. He's a natural leader. He doesn't shy away from anything on the field."

He's a good hard-nosed defender, who is tough in the air and he's tough on the ground and when he gets the ball he can do some things with it."

Raffi was tremendous as the team's back line of defense. He and Pat McFall were so important in clear-outs and the team's 11 shutouts. They both possessed speed, skill and just overall toughness, not to forget Raffi's ability to throw up to 30 yards on throw-ins. Wilmington finished the season with an overall record of 11-4-6, which included winning the league title and a tournament game over Bedford.

"No one was expecting much out of us since we had graduated the whole starting line-up from the year before," he said. "I think it just came down to hard work, and we eventually figured out the game we were going to have to play which

RAFFI PG SP2W



Over the last two seasons, Raffi has played right field for the Baseball team and has a .313 batting average. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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was our defensive game and eventually go right after teams. That was a real fun time, going to the tournament and everything. It was tough losing in the tournament game on penalty kicks but we fought all season and it was a good run.

"I don't think we ever doubted ourselves. We just picked our heads up and kept moving forward and just focused on the next game and the next game."

NICK OF TIME

Evan has a twin brother Nick, who just ended his football career at WHS. Their parents Jackie and Paul are big WHS Athletic supporters, always at their children's games. He said that he is very thankful to his parents, his brother, teammates and coaches especially those who supported him when things weren't so great.

"My Mom and Dad have been so great, always supporting me and always being at all of my games," he said. "I grew up playing all three sports, but my brother eventually split off to football and I went to soccer, but we still stick together and all of that. Even when I had my head injuries, all of the coaches and my teammates checked in with me and it was just a real good environment to be a part of and that helped me keep me going."

Back in September, Evan was asked what it's like to be a twin-brother and what

his relationship was like with Nick and he responded by saying, "It's always great having your best friend by your side. We always played sports together growing up. Now he's on the football team and he's finally football ready. He is so committed to football - hitting the gym and he has overcome two injuries with a broken knee and broken ankle so he is ready to have a big season. I think he's going to have a big year and he's worked so hard to get back healthy."

I can't wait to go to all of the home and away games to cheer him on. It'll be great to finally see him on the field and not on the sidelines on crutches like I have for the past two years."

Evan watched as many football games as he could, including Nick's final one, the loss to Tewksbury on Thanksgiving. He admitted that a part of him wishes he was on that field that day.

"It would have been a great time being out there with him and all of the guys," he said. "I was sitting in the stands with the snow on the ground thinking how different things would have been like if I was on the football team. But we had one great soccer season, but I'll admit it would have been fun to be out on the football field with my brother and all of the guys that I played with before."

Evan has two seasons left at WHS before he goes off to college to study civil engineering. He has already

been accepted to the University of New Haven, while he is waiting word from Clarkson, Roger Williams and University of Rhode Island. Until then he will be taking shots on the basketball court and swinging the baseball bat with hopes of helping each of those teams any way he possibly can.

sibly can.

"Evan's best quality as an athlete is his desire to play," said Caira. "He just loves to practice and he is such a gamer it's not funny. His intensity rubs off on the team and all the while if you look at him while he's performing he has a big smile on his face because he

enjoys the sport and competition so much.

"He (also has tremendous) leadership (qualities). He's the first and last in the locker room. He's the first to help a teammate in a slump and he puts his team and his desire to win above all. He could go 0-for-5 but as long as we win he's good with it,

also because I know along with that 0-for-5 he's probably made a couple of spectacular catches or thrown the tying run out at the plate to help preserve the win. Evan is a very special athlete well deserving of this award."

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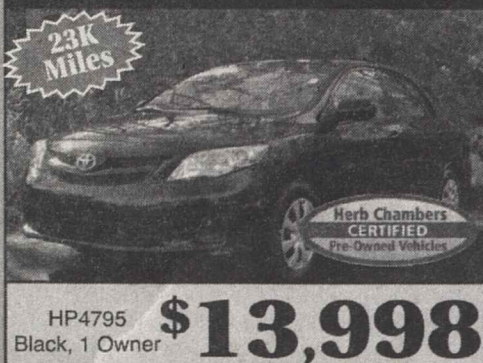
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Tewksbury rolls to K of C Tournament Title

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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TEWKSBURY - After coming up short in the championship game of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus/Larry McGrath

Memorial Basketball Tournament the past two seasons, the Tewksbury High Basketball team had committed themselves to not letting another opportunity slip away this season. And with one of their best

teams in recent memory taking the floor with a perfect 5-0 record against their arch rivals from Wilmington High, the Redmen and coach Phil Conners were particularly determined to come away with the title, a

goal which they accomplished with a hard fought 71-53 win over the Wildcats on Sunday night.

"We really felt like we blew it in this tournament the past couple of years, so it was great to get than monkey off our backs and win this thing," Conners said.

The Redmen (6-0) were led by an outstanding performance by senior guard and tournament MVP Joe Csokmay, who had a game high 21 points, to go along with 13 rebounds, five steals and three assists. They also got 19 points, 16 rebounds and four assists from junior forward Adam Cajjaoui, as Wilmington made a determined effort to shut down top scorers Nate Tenaglia and Alex DiRocco.

The Wildcats succeeded in that, holding Tenaglia to eight points and DiRocco to seven, but with Csokmay and Cajjaoui stepping up, along with Justin Derrah adding 12 points of his own, the Redmen were able to find the balanced scoring they needed to win.

"I thought Joe played awesome. He stepped into his shots with a lot of confidence. And I thought Adam played really well too," Conners said. "So the two guys they said they weren't going to cover, I thought did a good job. Alex and Nate were a little frustrated, but I told them we would probably see that defense again, and we are five guys, not two."

Wilmington (3-2) meanwhile was led by 19 points and 14 rebounds by senior center Connor Bennett, and ten points from senior forward Ryan Horgan.

While the final score was somewhat lopsided, Wilmington coach Joe Maiella, was pleased with his team's play, and with good reason, as after trailing 37-21 at halftime, they played Tewksbury almost evenly in the second half, with both team's starters playing until the game's final two minutes.

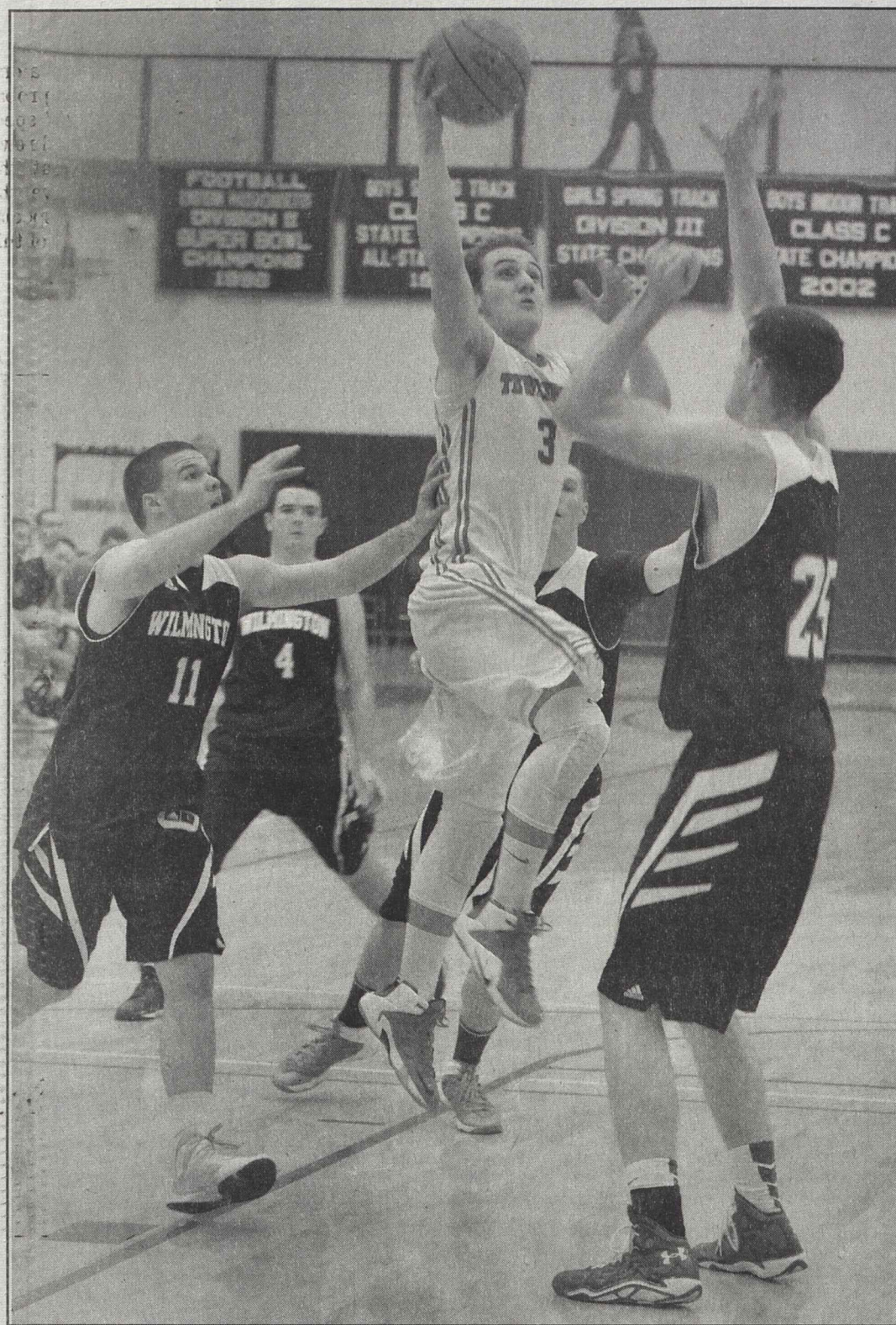
"I'm proud of my guys. I felt we played them to the end," Maiella said. "Although we lost by 18, I think this game will help us as we get back into our league on Friday night. Obviously Tewksbury is an excellent team. I thought we did a good job of taking Tenaglia and Rocco out of the game, but Csokmay and Cajjaoui hit shot. We wanted to make those guys beat us and they beat us. They deserve all the credit for that."

Tewksbury jumped out to an early 8-2 lead on the strength of a couple of early

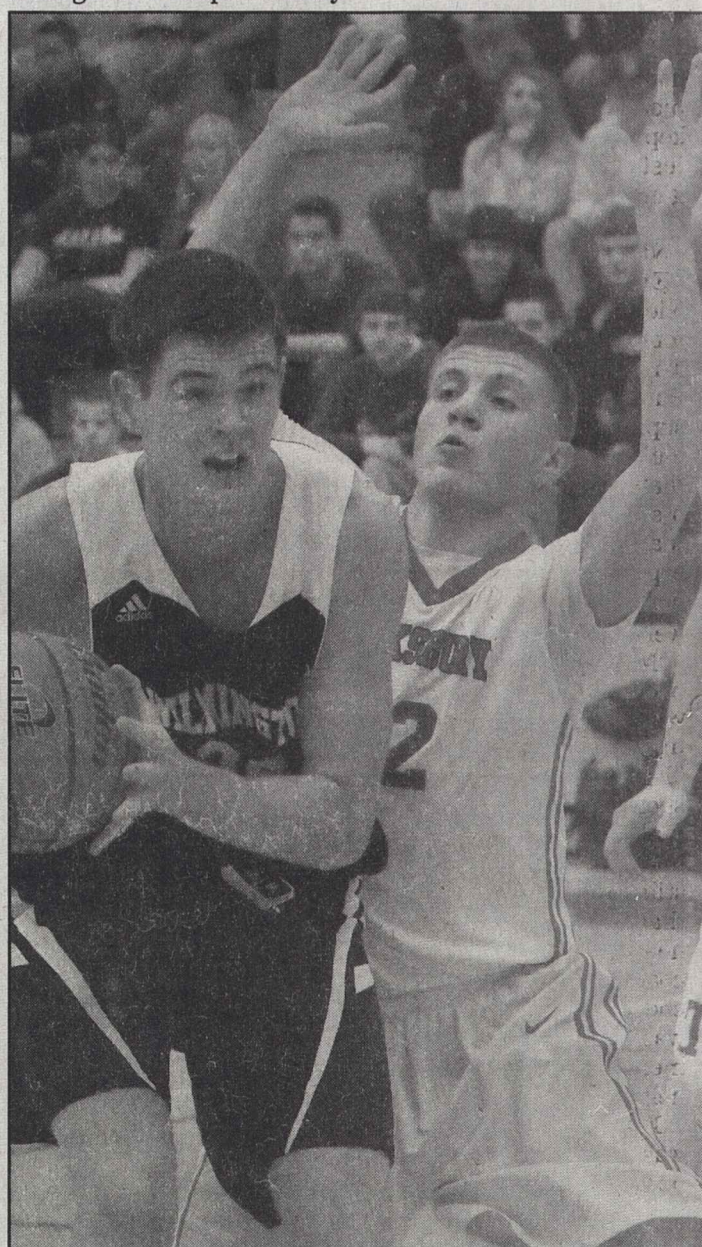
buckets by Cajjaoui, but Wilmington closed to within 11-9 on two straight baskets by Horgan. Derrah however, got the Redmen rolling again, nailing two straight three pointers from the corner before Csokmay followed with a third from the opposite corner to give the Redmen a 20-9 lead with 1:35 left in the quarter.

Wilmington kept it close, trailing only 30-20 with 2:42 left in the half after a Matt Woods basket, but Tewksbury took control after that to take a 37-21 lead

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TMHS's Alex Dirocco heads for the hoop surrounded by Wilmington players (l-r) Evan Raffi, Granahm Smith and Connor Bennett.
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Wlm Connor Bennett (25) finds his path to the net blocked by Tewksbury's Justin Derrah.
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Tewksbury rolls to K of C Tournament Title

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at the break after Derrah nailed another three pointer. Wilmington would extend their lead to as many as 20 points at 47-27 with 4:41 left in the third quarter when Csokmay nailed a three pointer from the top of the key. That was one of just many key shots by Csokmay in the game, and the senior was thrilled to be on the winning end of this tournament after two close calls. He was also happy to fill the scoring void normally taken care of by Tenaglia and DiRocco.

"We felt like we really blew it the past two years," Csokmay said. "(Tenaglia and DiRocco) have been pretty much carrying us so far, so we knew that at some point teams were going to try and take out our two main guys. We just need to have guys step up and we know we have guys who are capable of doing that. I am just trying to do what I can to help the team."

The lead was still 20 at 54-34 late in the quarter, before Wilmington would score seven straight points, including four by freshmen Graham Smith, to close with-

in 54-41 at the end of the quarter. The Wildcats were still within 13 points at 61-48 after a three pointer by Woods with 3:59 left in the game, but that was as close as they would get, as the Redmen hit their free throws down the stretch and went on to the 18-point victory to keep their undefeated season intact.

"6-0 feels really good, but I know we can still play better," Connors said. "If we have all five guys clicking at once we can be very good. It is good to be 6-0, but we have some very big games coming up."

After the game, members of the All-Tournament team were honored for both teams. In addition to Csokmay winning Tournament MVP honors for the Redmen, DiRocco was also named to the All-Tournament team, while for Wilmington, Bennett and Matt Spurr were selected to the All-Tournament team.

K of C Tournament Semi-Finals

In order to get to Sunday's final, both the Redmen and Wildcats needed to get past a

tough opponent in Saturday night's semi-final round of the tournament and both came up with big wins to earn their spot in the championship game.

Tewksbury got there with a 72-48 rout over Windham, New Hampshire. If Wilmington did a good job of shutting down Tenaglia and DiRocco only to be burned by Csokmay and Cajjaoui, then Windham showed what could happen if the duo is allowed to get off their shots, with DiRocco leading the way with 25 points, five steals and five assists, while Tenaglia added 19 points for the Redmen.

Csokmay contributed in this one as well, with 12 points, eight rebounds, five steals five assists, while Derrah also scored 12 points.

Wilmington earned their trip to the finals with a 57-38 win over defending tournament champion Littleton, led by Bennett's had 21 points, 18 rebounds and nine blocks, while senior guard Ryan Colangelo added 17 points for the Wildcats and junior guard Matt Spurr scored 11.



Champions of the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Christmas Tourney 2014 is Tewksbury High School (front row l-r) Adam Cajjaoui, Derek McGaffigan, Alex Dirocco, and Joe Csokmay. (back l-r) Ryan Griggs, Devan Bere, Brain Nazaire, Justin Derrah, Nate Tenaglia, Petros Nacopoulos, Henry Roberts, Sean Moors and Coach Phil Connors. Photo by joebrownphotos.com

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A Merry Christmas Tournament for Wildcats Boys Hockey

By **MIKE IPPOLITO**
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The Wilmington High Hockey team has become quite accustomed to winning the Haverhill Christmas Tournament, having captured the tourney crown several times in recent years, including last year's title.

But with an 0-2 record heading into this year's tournament over the weekend, it seemed unlikely that the Wildcats would make it two titles in a row, not with the likes of some talented teams like Masconomet, East Longmeadow and North Andover in the field.

But that is exactly what the Wildcats were able to do, beating Masco in the first round last Wednesday and North Andover in the finals on Saturday to claim the championship. Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon could not have predicted that his team would win another Christmas championship, but he was confident his team would play well heading into tournament.

"Well, we were 0-2 going in so we were kind of desperate to get a win," Scanlon said. "We always played well out there, so we were kind of hoping that it would liven things up a little, and we ended up playing very well."

In Wednesday's tournament opener, a 4-2 win over Masco, the Wildcats were led by a goal and an assist from senior Mike Capistran, along with individual goals by senior Mike Carroccino, senior Steve DeFuria and junior Josh Buske. Senior goalie Glenn Sullivan, meanwhile, was outstanding in net making 30 saves to earn the victory, starting to make his case for tournament MVP, which he would capture after making 25 more saves in the title game on Saturday.

Capistran would add two assists for the Wildcats, while Ed Silva had a pair of assists and Brian Cavanaugh, Eric Steeves and Mike Marcinkowski would each add individual helpers.

The Wildcats had gone out to a 4-0 lead in the third period before Masco added a pair of goals late in the game to pull a little closer.

Wilmington was similarly in control all the way through the North Andover game on Saturday on their way to a 3-1 win, staking themselves to a 3-0 lead

before the Scarlet Knights would score late in the third period to account for the final.

"We played pretty well in both games," Scanlon said. "We were better in our own end than we have been most of the season. Our defensive zone coverage was very good and of course (Sullivan) was great in net."

Sullivan was indeed great against North Andover, making several key stops among his 25 saves, earning a very well deserved MVP trophy after the game. It was quite an introduction to varsity play for the senior first year starter, as he takes over for three year starter Drew Foley between the pipes.

"He's got some big shoes to fill, but we have been pleased with his play so far," Scanlon said. "He has given us a chance to stay in games and he was great in the tournament."

Offensively, the Wildcats were led by individual goals by Carroccino, Buske and Jared Aucoin. Capistran continued his outstanding play with a pair of assists, while Silva, Steeves and Chris Sartori had one assist each.

For Scanlon, one of the better parts of the game was seeing some scoring up and down his lineup. The top line of Joe Castellano, Steve DeFuria and Brian Cavanaugh had been supplying the only scoring threat in the Wildcats two losses to open the season, but that was certainly not the case in the tournament.

"It was great to get scoring from all three lines," Scanlon said. "Carroccino and Capistran are on our second line and Buske is on our third, so to get some scoring from those guys is a big boost for us."

Scanlon is also hoping that his team gets a boost from winning the tournament, as well as evening their record at 2-2 on the season. The Wildcats have some tough games on tap, with Medford on Tuesday, Burlington on Wednesday and Melrose on Saturday, and Scanlon knows his team must step up their game.

"We are hoping this sparks us," Scanlon said. "We've got a busy week coming up against some good teams. This is a good tournament and it was great for us to get a win. Hopefully it is a confidence boost for us."

Squirt 4's shock Reading

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Squirt 4's picked up their biggest win of the season this past weekend, shocking previously undefeated Reading by a score of 3-1 in a thriller held at the Malden Valley Forum.

Reading came into the game with a record of 9-0-2, having outscored their opponents by a 74-14 margin on the season, but an inspired effort by the Wildcats, which included two goals by Bobby Dodge and one by Brett Gallucci, put an end to the Rockets dreams of an undefeated season.

Wilmington got on the board first, just over two minutes into the game, when Dodge stole the puck from a Reading defender at the blue line and beat the Reading goalie with a great one-on-one move to make the score 1-0 with 9:48 left in the first.

While forwards Zach Weinstein, Dylan Mullarky, Adam Ippolito and Jordan Legere continued to apply pressure on the Reading defense, it was the line of Dodge, Gallucci and Nick Whalen who finally cashed in to extend the Wildcats lead late in the second.

After a scramble for the puck behind the Reading net, Dodge emerged from

the scrum and set up Gallucci in front and Gallucci buried his shot just inside the right post for the goal that would ultimately prove to be the game winner, to make the score 2-0 with 3:36 left in the second period.

Despite the strong defensive efforts of Aardarsh Sivakumar, Jack Seibel, Nick Spencer and Sean O'Donoghue, Reading used its firepower to finally beat Wilmington goalie Jake McLean, scoring with 8:32 left in the game, as the puck bounced off the post and in to make the score 2-1.

McLean, however, would not be beaten again, holding the Rockets at bay and maintaining the Wildcats one goal lead by making several outstanding saves in the third period. Dodge would finally allow Wilmington and their fans to breathe a little easier, scoring from a tough angle with 3:31 left in the game to make the score 3-1, and the Wildcats would hold on from there for the improbable victory.

With the win, Wilmington improved to 7-2-2 on the season, and are tied for second place in the Northeast American A Division of the Valley Hockey League.



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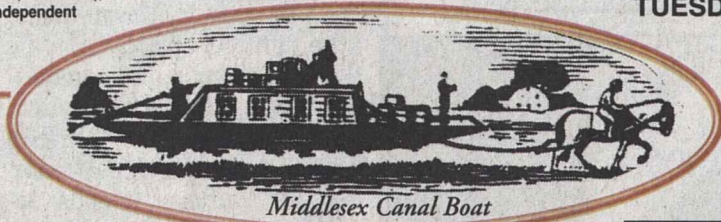
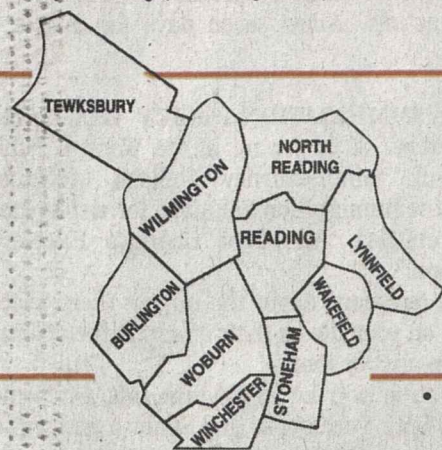
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By PAUL FEELY

As residents across the Middlesex East readership area turn their calendars to 2015 later this week, they should also start thinking about Fiscal Year 2015 - when many of them will be facing higher property taxes.

Officials in each of the Middlesex East communities have set the tax rates for FY 2015, and in each property owners should prepare themselves to pay more in the coming months.

The following is a list of FY 2015 tax rates approved for each of the ten communities in the Middlesex East readership area, followed by the FY 2014 rate for the same communities:

Burlington - FY 2015: \$11.35 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$12.00 per \$1,000
Lynnfield - FY 2015: \$14.49 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$14.77 per \$1,000
North Reading - FY 2015: \$16.62 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$16.43 per \$1,000
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Wilmington - FY 2015: \$14.37 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$14.24 per \$1,000
Winchester - FY 2015: \$12.14 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$12.66 per \$1,000
Woburn - FY 2015: \$10.17 per \$1,000; FY 2014 \$10.44 per \$1,000

In Lynnfield, residents will pay an average of \$179 more on their 2015 tax bills. Selectmen signed off on a plan that shifted overall values on commercial properties from residential. If the board kept an equalized rate, the average residential tax rate would have increased \$377.

According to the town's data, the average single family home value in

Lynnfield is now \$551,355, up

4.3% from last year. The average tax paid on a home in town will be \$7,989 in FY 2015, up from \$7,810 last year, even though the tax rate per \$1,000 went down this year to \$14.49 from \$14.77 last year.

Lynnfield assessors report that about 72% of the town's new growth over the past year was attributable to Market Street. The development has also reportedly had the added effect of a 44% increase in personal property tax revenues.

In Tewksbury, selectmen voted to reduce the burden of property tax increases and save homeowners an average of \$668 on their bills next year.

In Tewksbury residential property comprised 81.82 percent of the total valuation. Commercial property is 8.94 percent, industrial property is 5.03 percent, and personal property falls at 4.21 percent. By shifting the burden of the increase in the levy limit, residential properties will pay 72.73 percent of the overall valuation, instead of 81.82 percent.

From 2014 to 2015, the average single-family home value rose from \$314,436 to \$327,145, representing a 4 percent increase in value. However, Commercial property dropped 3.6 percent in the same period.

Had the selectmen not adopted the 1.5 shift the average tax bill on the 'average' home would be \$6,023. By adopting the shift as they have for many years, the average residential bill will instead be \$5,355, representing a decrease to the homeowner of \$668. The average homeowner will see a tax increase of \$290 instead.

Because the valuation for property in the CIP class dropped, even with the shift, the average commercial property owner will see a slight decrease in tax, about \$10. In 2014 the average Commercial property was valued at \$767,716, but in 2015 drops to \$740,100.

In Woburn, the property tax bill for a median-priced home will increase by \$158. The residential tax rate actually decreased 27 cents to \$10.17, but the average tax bill will increase to \$3,728, due to hikes in property values, and a decrease in the commercial property tax base.

The median-priced home in Woburn is now \$366,000, an increase of \$24,000 from last year.

Tax Rates to S-4

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Middlesex East Publications, in association with the Salvation Army will sponsor "M.E. Santa" this holiday season to benefit needy individuals and families in the area.

In many past years, the Salvation Army has worked quietly within the communities. But this year it is asking for assistance due to increased pressure to provide services.

Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities which include: Wilmington, Tewksbury, No. Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield and Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program.

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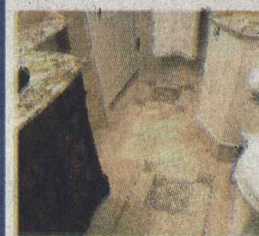
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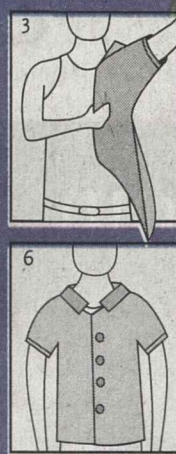
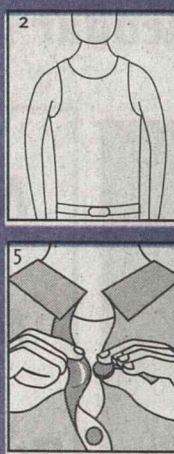
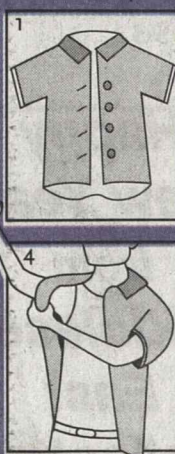


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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

"INTO THE WOODS"



THE MAGIC OF THE TONY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL comes to the screen, complete with its A-list cast, including Meryl Streep, injecting life into the fairy tale characters whose stories are deliciously jumbled and intertwined.

"INTO THE WOODS"

A modern twist on the beloved Brothers Grimm fairy tales, intertwining the plots of a few choice stories and exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests, this humorous and heartfelt musical follows the classic tales of Cinderella (Anna Kendrick), Little Red Riding Hood (Lilla Crawford), Jack and the Beanstalk (Daniel Huttlestone), and Rapunzel (MacKenzie Mauzy)-all tied together by an original story involving a baker and his wife (James Corden & Emily Blunt), their wish to begin a family and their interaction with the witch (Meryl Streep) who has put a curse on them.

The magic of the Tony Award winning musical comes to the screen, complete with its A-list cast injecting life into the fairy tale characters whose stories are deliciously jumbled and intertwined.

Under Rob Marshall's direction, with Stephen Sondheim's music and lyrics, James Lapine has adapted the book of his 1986 stage musical, resulting in a lavish production exploding with innovative ideas, marvelous effects, and a narrative filled with humor.

Don't expect to be humming the tunes afterwards; most likely you will remember the quirky ideas, the fabulous set design, Meryl Streep's blue-haired witch and Chris Pine as Prince Charming who is a real scene stealer as he hams it up.

Central to the plot is a fabricated story about a baker and his wife whose wish for a child is thwarted by the wicked witch's curse, while the tale of Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel are interwoven in unexpected and surprising ways. Streep gets top billing as the witch and she makes the most of every second.

Surprisingly it is Emily Blunt as the baker's wife who has the most screen time; she and James Corden make a good pair as they frantically try to gather the four nominated items required to revoke the witch's curse. Anna Kendrick charms as Cinderella while Depp is like a pantomime character in his guise as the big bad wolf that follows Riding Hood to Grandma's House.

Music, fantasy and fairy tales have never been so complicated or visually stunning as in this film that will delight the whole family on many levels.

"TOP FIVE"

Chris Rock is one of the great stand-up comedians out there right now, but his movies have been hit or miss. With TOP FIVE, that all changes in a big way.

Basically, Chris Rock has taken the energy and commentary that he brings to his stand-up and translated it perfectly into a big-screen outing. TOP FIVE allows him to go-off on plenty of tangents while still telling a strong story, in which he plays a superstar comedian with a bad history as an alcoholic, and a bunch of soul-sucking comedies under his belt in which he starred as a crime-fighting bear cop.

As with the best stand-up comic generated hits like LOUIS, CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM, and SEINFELD, there's a strong autobiographical undercurrent running through TOP FIVE. While Rock doesn't seem to be as troubled as his character here, it's hard not to read into the frustration his character feels at being pigeonholed into dokey comedies.

But, Rock also sends up the tendency for comics to attempt to crossover into drama with his alter-ego having just written, directed and starred in a big-budget flop about the Haitian Slave Uprising called UPRIZE, with clever sequences nailing the self-important vibe many stars-turned-directors take.

Yet, at the same time TOP FIVE is almost certainly his own attempt at a big-screen reinvention, ditching the broad, family-friendly humor of something like GROWN-UPS, for a hard-R, racy tone.

As a comedy, TOP FIVE is one of the funniest movies of the year. Every once in a while, Rock takes a break from the plot to dive into a little side-story, like the kinds he tells in his stand-up, with flashbacks illustrating them, such as the night his character found himself the unwilling sec-

ond man in an orgy alongside a crazed promoter played by Cedric The Entertainer. This could have been a really dangerous direction for Rock to take, as they may well have made the film feel episodic.

Surprisingly, he manages to tie them into the storyline without a hitch. Additionally, Rock gets a lot of his famous friends to show up in cameos as themselves, generating major laughs, including Whoopi Goldberg, Adam Sandler, and a foul-mouthed Jerry Seinfeld.

December 31st

"ZooLights" at Stone Zoo to celebrate New Year

The Stoneham Zoo at 149 Pond Street in Stoneham will hold "ZooLights" from 4 - 5 p.m. this Wednesday, December 31 as a way to welcome in the new year.

There will be snowman-costumed characters, lights, reindeer and more.

The cost of the event is \$7 for non-members, \$6 for members. Children under the age of 2 are free.

Stone Zoo officials note: "Looking for a wild way to celebrate the New Year with family? So, join the reindeer parade led by Stone Zoo reindeer around the zoo and enjoy early entry to ZooLights."

Visitors can immerse themselves in a winter wonderland filled with thousands of twinkling lights. There are also many ice sculptures to be admired.

Families are encouraged to wear festive New Year's Eve hats to join in the fun.

For more information visit www.stonezoo.org or 1-617-541-LION.

From Britain a cappella ensemble Apollo5 at Phillips Academy

On Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the British a cappella ensemble Apollo5. This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in the Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main Street in Andover. Handicapped accessible.

Apollo5 has been praised for its engaging and entertaining performances. With a repertoire ranging from retro jazz, pop and classical arrangements to Christmas a cappella, they are adept performers on the concert platform.

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PRESENTATION ON IMMIGRATION POLICY DEC. 30TH

On Tuesday, December 30 at 7 p.m. in the Woburn Public Library's Study Hall, join Attorney Melissa McNamee Venceslau from VenLaw Immigration Solutions for an informational presentation entitled "All about Obama's Executive Actions on Immigration."

Whether you have questions about the impact these executive actions will have on your life or their effect on the country, this program will help answer them.

While the presentation will be in English, Ms. McNamee Venceslau is fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish and will be able to answer questions in those languages.

Light refreshments will be served, and handicapped access can be arranged by calling 781-933-0184.

SOLIVAN & BLUEGRASS BAND AT LINDEN TREE

On Saturday, January 10 at 8 p.m. the Linden Tree Coffeehouse at the UU Church, 326 Main Street in Wakefield, will continue its 30th season with Frank Solivan and his bluegrass band Dirty Kitchen.

The group was named Instrumental Group of the Year 2014 by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

The cost is \$20, students under 13 \$10. For more information or reservations call 781-246-2836. or visit www.LindenTreeCoffeehouse.org.

SINGLE SQUARES DANCE JANUARY 24

The Single Squares will hold a Sadie Hawkins Day dance on Saturday, January 24 with Mainstream with 2 pl tips from 8 - 10:30 p.m.

The caller is Dave Perrault and cuer is Scott Cohen.

The location is St. Malachy's Church, 99 Bedford Street in Burlington. Admission is \$7. Casual dress.

For more information call Carol at 978-637-2059 or Nancy at 781-933-2404.

STONEHAM ARTS ANDCRAFTS WORKSHOPS

The Stoneham Arts and Crafts Society will be holding 4 workshops during the month of January. They are as follows.

January 7 - meeting and speaker Marianne Gallivan of CRE-ATE artisan studio DIY crafts jewelry and more.

January 14 - Valentine Penny Rug with Louise DeCarlo and Eva Hopwood, and to Stuff Teddy Bears with Peggy Silva.

January 21 - Arm knitting with Hazel Lambert and continue Penny Rug.

January 28 - quilt Blocks with Jeanne Knowles.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Call Carole Salines to join or for more information at 617-877-9003.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT STONEHAM THEATRE

From world-class vocal jazz to celebrity impersonations and humorous inspirations, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main Street, heats things up with three special events and offers a great way to get out of the cold this January.

New York Voices jazz up the stage with their Grammy Award-winning vocals for two performances this New Year's Eve at 7 pm and 10 pm.

The Edwards Twins return to Stoneham Theatre in an all-new show for 2015 this January 8-11. These identical twin brothers have been performing their Vegas-style act together for over 20 years.

The incomparable Loretta LaRoche is back at Stoneham Theatre with another great one-woman show from January 9-11, 2015. Ms. LaRoche is a motivational and keynote speaker, an international stress management and humor consultant, author, and PBS sensation.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Stoneham Theatre's Box Office at 781-279-2200, or visit www.stonehamtheatre.org <<http://www.stonehamtheatre.org>>.

FREE PROGRAMS AT PARKER RIVER REFUGE

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newbury will be offering the following free public programs during the month of January. Please note that many of the refuge programs require preregistration. Registrations are not confirmed until the registrant receives a phone call from a member of the refuge staff. Anyone having a question about a refuge program is asked to contact the refuge at (978) 465-5753.

Refuge Family Cinema Movies for Kids and Families

Sunday, January 4th at 1:30 pm: Finding Nemo

Sunday, January 18th at 1:30 pm: The Lion King

Spend a cold winter afternoon watching a great FREE film on the big screen in the comfort of the visitor center auditorium. These are great, entertaining family films with environmental themes. No preregistration for these programs.

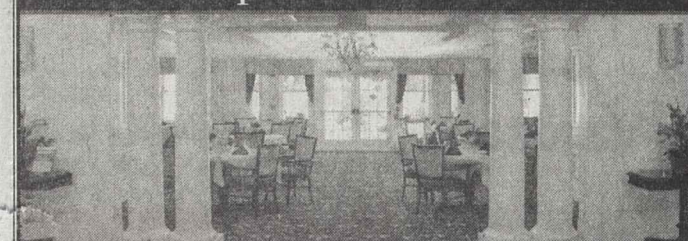
Photographic Society of Parker River meet

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 10th @ 1:30 pm

The Photographic Society welcomes anyone who has an interest in nature, wildlife, and/or photography - whether you are a total novice or earn a living by taking pictures! The club meets every month, generally on the second Saturday afternoon. Venue capacity is limited to 75 attendees (first-come, first-served). Admission to this program is free and preregistration is not required.

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During month of January Mishawum Choral to hold open rehearsals

Are you a music buff? Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to participate in a fun activity with other music lovers guaranteed to bring you joy and pleasure in the new year? Then, come sing with Mishawum!

The Mishawum Choral Society of Woburn will be holding open rehearsals for potential new members during the month of January, 2015. Now in its 51st season, the Mishawum Choral Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing enjoyment through the art of choral performance.

On Tuesday evening, January 6, 2015, the chorale will begin "tuning up" for its spring concert, and all new enthusiastic singers are welcome! Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the music room at Woburn High School, located at 88 Montvale Avenue in Woburn. Those interested in joining the group are invited to attend rehearsals during the month of January. Try singing for the month, and then decide if it is right for you.

Although no formal auditions are required, new members should have experience singing with other vocal parts and have some basic knowledge of music notation.

Led by its dynamic director, Brian Gilbertie, and accompanied by the talented Sarah Lafontaine at the piano, the chorus sings selections from a variety of musical genres ranging from classical works to popular songs, jazz numbers, Broadway show medleys and more.

Does all of this sound appealing to you? If so, obtain more information by visiting the website at: www.mishawum-choral.org.

Eight week program in Stoneham

Appian Club is offering adult Italian classes

Adult Italian classes will be offered by the Appian Club of Stoneham starting on Tuesday evenings, January 13. A beginners class will start with the basics (pronunciations, phrases, etc.) and give you a firm foundation for the language. A more advanced class will also be available on Tuesday evenings for those with knowledge of Italian. The eight week classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in Stoneham and the cost is \$150 plus a \$20 text.

Instructor is Tiffany Bistocchi Murphy, graduate of Dickinson College (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College (2006). She has traveled extensively throughout Italy and has taken courses there. The class is casual, interesting and the experience will be enjoyable. If you are traveling to Italy or just want to relive your heritage roots, this class is for you.

Contact coordinator John Nocella for further details at 781-438-5687 or, preferably by email, at appianitalianclass@yahoo.com. Please pass along to other family members, friends and neighbors.

The class is sponsored by the Appian Club of Stoneham, a non-profit, social charitable 501(c)(7) organization whose mission is to promote Italian culture and heritage.

About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

RAIL TALES, FIELDS OF LIGHT, SAFE TIES

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

WALK TALK (TEWKSBURY)

"The December Rail Trails Open House brought Tewksbury residents out on a snowy Thursday to offer suggestions and provide input to the project," notes the Tewksbury "Town Crier."

"Consultants from Fay, Spofford and Thorndike (FST) were on hand to answer questions and listen to residents' voice their concerns. Peter and Jayne Miller, Tewksbury Rail Trails (TRT) chair and co-chair respectively, and board members were also on hand to answer questions and provide feedback.

"Five stations were set up at the Tewksbury Memorial High School cafeteria. One for signing in, and the other four stations specifically sought suggestions from residents who posted via colored stickers

and post-it notes.

"Station 2 focused mainly on how and why residents would use the trail. Station 3 provided a map of the trails where residents could use stickers to target areas of concern. Station 4 covered connectivity to other areas of the town and asked residents to target access points they feel would be helpful to the project, such as the Town Center, Bay Circuit Trail and Andover's Haggett's Pond.

"Station 5 provided large format maps to give residents an opportunity for further discussion with project team members, including TRT members, and engineers working on what is currently the feasibility stage of the project.

"Town Meeting approved the study back in May of 2013, authorizing funding of \$35,000 for the study. Once this phase of the project, (expected to be completed by March of 2015) is finished, the team will pass the information on to the Town for review ...

"A Public Information Meeting is planned for February to present findings on a more formal platform. Once the feasibility portion is complete, a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be presented to consultants to consider the next phase of the project."

LIGHT READING (WINCHESTER)

"After hearing an updated report from Gale Associates, speaking to members of the School Committee and receiving comments from several abutters, the Board of Selectmen authorized the Winchester Field Development Council to start fundraising for the construction of lights at Manchester Field as described in the Gale report ... and further all ancillary lighting and any necessary screening or other methods for the reduction of light trespass as determined by the selectmen," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The approval came as a surprise to WFDC President Paul Manganaro who said afterward that he never expected a vote so soon. When asked if the WFDC had a fundraising plan, Manganaro said he would speak with the team to come up with a game plan...

"The updated Gale report, discussed by Peter Spanos, talked about possibly using LED lights. Besides being more expensive, those lights have a much shorter warranty. On the plus side, they would save the town over the long run (though, according to the Energy Management Committee those savings wouldn't be realized until after the warranty expired)

and reduce spillage and glare. Unfortunately, even the LED lights wouldn't meet the town's by-law requirements which state that light can't spill over onto an abutting property...

"Moving forward, the School Committee, which scheduled a vote on the lights policy for this month, fell behind due to the super-intendent search. Nixon said they would vote sometime in January."

SMOKE SIGNAL (READING)

"House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr. (R-North Reading) and Representative James Dwyer (D-Woburn) today announced that Reading has been awarded \$5,023 in funding through the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Program, and \$2,995 in funding through the recently-established Senior S.A.F.E. Program for fiscal year 2015," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The S.A.F.E. program gives our children, and now our seniors, the tools and education they need to react in a dangerous situation," said Representative Jones...

"The S.A.F.E. program is a statewide initiative that provides resources and funding to local fire departments to conduct fire and life safety education programs for students in grades K-12..."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper or look on line for up-to-date information about your city or town.

We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, 531 Main St., Reading, MA 01867 or to schooltowns@comcast.net.

Calendar

From S-2

Behind the Scenes Tour

Held on the following days: Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 9:30 am; Sunday, Jan. 4th at 1:00 pm; Wednesday, Jan. 7th at 9:30 am; Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1:00 pm; Saturday, Jan. 17th at 9:30 am; Sunday, Jan. 18th at 1:00 pm; Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 9:30 am; Saturday, Jan. 24th at 9:30 am; Sunday, Jan. 25th at 1:00 pm; Saturday, Jan. 31st at 9:30 am

Join a refuge ranger for a behind the scenes tour of Parker River. Again, this is a vehicle - based tour, with limited stops on the Refuge. Advance registration is required for this program, as enrollment is limited. Please call (978) 465-5753 to register for this program.

OPEN MIC IN WINCHESTER

Open Mic is held weekly at Starbucks, 542 Main Street in Winchester Center. All ages, all instruments, and all types of acoustic music are welcome. Individual or small duo/trio performances are encouraged. Hosted by the Winchester Community Music School and singer/songwriter Mike Verge.

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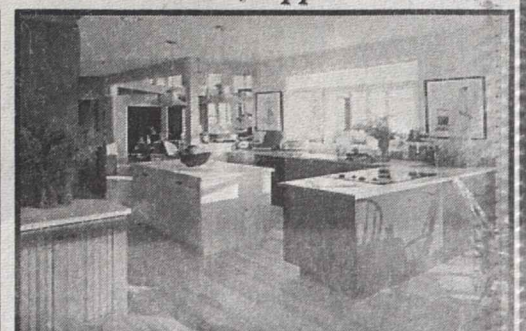
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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: What professional boxer retired from the sport in 1974, later un-retired, and in 1994 became the oldest fighter to ever win a major heavyweight title?

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•Robin Balducci, 24th-year head coach of the University of New Hampshire field hockey team, announced recently that five student-athletes have signed a National Letter of Intent to attend UNH and join the program for the 2015-16 academic year.

The Wildcats have strengthened their midfield and frontline attack with the addition of Katie Audino (Severn, Md.), Rachel Bossi (Chelmsford, Mass.), Emily Howarth (Bridgewater, N.J.), Courtney Sweeny (Windham, N.H.) and Rachel Thomson (Reading, Mass.).

"We are extremely excited with the depth and quality in this freshman class," Balducci said. "It ranks among the strongest in my tenure at UNH."

Thomson captained the Reading Memorial High School field hockey team to a Middlesex League championship as a senior this year, when her accolades included team MVP, All-League, Boston Globe All-Scholastic and Best of 60 All-Star. The forward is Reading Memorial's record holder for single-season goals (28) and points (43) as well as career goals (73), assists (49)

and points (122).

She was a Middlesex League All-Star and team MVP as a junior, when she was the league's leading scorer and named the Daily Times Chronicle Player of the Year.

Thomson participated at the USA Field Hockey Festival, Regional Club Championship, Futures Regional Tournament and Futures National Club Championship the past year.

Thomson has also played for Seacoast United club teams, including the U-19 Elite and U-16 Elite squads, under the tutelage of four different UNH alums. She lettered in both ice hockey and lacrosse at Reading Memorial. She was captain of the Middlesex league championship ice hockey team last year and an all-star of the league championship lacrosse team.

Her uncle, Kevin Thomson, was a four-year letterwinner on the UNH ice hockey team and captained the 1992-93 team.

This quintet joins a UNH field hockey program that has advanced to the America East championship game each of the last five years with titles in 2011 and 2013.

•For the third time this season senior goaltender Steve Michalek eclipsed the 40-save plateau, making 43 stops to lead the No. 9/8 Harvard men's hockey team to a 5-2 victory at No. 15/15 Quinnipiac. The win is the sixth straight for the Crimson

(9-1-2, 5-1-2 ECAC) and pushes them into a tie for first in the ECAC with the Bobcats (10-5-1, 6-2-0 ECAC). Both squads have 12 points and have a two-point lead on Clarkson (6-7-4, 4-1-2 ECAC).

In just his second game back from injury, Sean Malone scored on the power play for the Crimson, giving him four points over those two contests. Kyle Criscuolo, Phil Zielonka, North Reading's Jimmy Vesey and Brian Hart also scored for the Crimson in the winning effort.

The Crimson had its fastest start to the season, scoring in just 16 seconds on the Bobcats. After winning the draw, Harvard began a rush into the attacking zone. Right winger Tyler Moy ripped the first shot off Quinnipiac goaltender Michael Garteig, but Kyle Criscuolo cleaned up the rebound and backhanded the puck over the leg pad. Jimmy Vesey earned the second assist on the tally, moving his point streak to 12 games.

Harvard's lead was short-lived, as Quinnipiac netted the equalizer at 2:11.

The Crimson kept the pressure on in the final period, making it a 4-1 lead at 4:23 when Jimmy Vesey flipped a backhand top over Garteig for his team-best ninth of the year. Harvard showed continued persistence on the shift, keeping the puck in the offensive zone, despite numerous Quinnipiac clearing chances. Kyle Criscuolo picked up his

ninth assist of the season on the play, setting up Vesey for the tally.

•Need some help with the trivia question? His initials are G.F.

•The Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) released their weekly awards recently and sophomores Anthony Williams (White Plains, N.Y.) and Michelle Woods (Wilmington, Mass.) were each tabbed Player of the Week. The classmates were just recently named New England Collegiate Conference (NECC) Players of the Week.

Recently, Williams averaged 24 points and 12.5 rebounds in a week that included a 24 point/20 rebound performance against Lasell. The squad went 1-1 during that time frame, dropping a 63-52 decision to nonconference foe Emerson and picking up a 70-67 win over Lasell.

During the same week, Woods tied the program record for points in a single contest with her 47 points against Fisher College. The Wilmington, Mass. native ranks first in the NECC in points per game with 22.2.

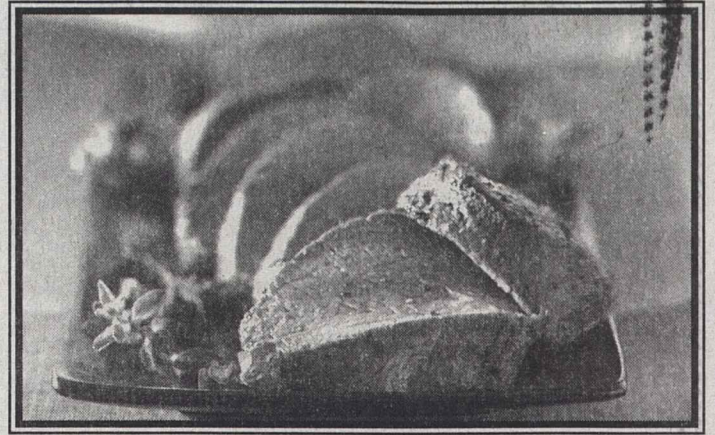
•Answer to THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: George Foreman.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, 531 Main Street, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200.

Weekly Feature

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

Beef Tenderloin



Impress your guests with delicious beef tenderloin; we're showing you how to make it in two simple steps.

1) Heat oven to 425°F. Turn small end of beef under about 6 inches. Tie beef with kitchen string at about 1 1/2-inch intervals. Place in shallow roasting pan. Brush with oil. Sprinkle with pepper, marjoram and salt. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is in thickest part of beef.

2) For medium-rare, roast 35 to 40 minutes or until thermometer reads 135°F. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F, and beef will be easier to carve.) Cover beef loosely with foil; let stand 15 to 20 minutes until thermometer reads 145°F. For medium, roast uncovered 45 to 50 minutes or until thermometer reads 150°F. Cover beef loosely with foil; let stand 10 to 15 minutes until thermometer reads 160°F. Remove string from beef before carving.

Expert Tips:

- * Turn under small end of tenderloin to make the meat uniform in thickness so it will cook evenly.
- * Tie beef with kitchen string to maintain shape and prevent turned-under portion from separating during cooking.
- * Use meat thermometer to check for doneness. This prevents having to cut into meat to check, which causes juices to escape.
- * Roast to 10°F below desired end temperature, as tenderloin continues to cook while it rests.
- * Cover loosely and let stand so juices can settle and meat will be easier to carve.

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Tax rates from S-1

The commercial tax rate also decreased by \$1.11 to \$26.30, but commercial tax bills will also go up, due to increased property values.

In Winchester, the overall tax rate will be \$12.13, which includes an additional 73 cents added by Chapter 110. That's a 45 cent decrease from last year. There is an excess of \$52,722 in the tax levy capacity due to the rounding of the penny.

In Wilmington, a 1.75 percent shift to the commercial class results in a \$364.11 property tax increase for FY15 for the average homeowner.

If the residential factor stayed at 1, with no shift to the commercial class, both residential and commercial property taxpayers would pay at \$18.71 per thousand. Without the shift to the commercial class, the average home (valued at \$380,374) would have seen a tax increase in FY15 of \$2,014.94, while the commercial class would see a reduction in the average value of \$9,256.77.

In Reading, the Board of Selectmen set the tax rate at \$14.71 per thousand for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Selectmen once again opted against splitting the tax rate, and the \$14.71 per thousand represents a slight reduction from last year (the Reading Public Library debt exclusion won't impact residents until next year, when town officials borrow for the project in February 2015.)

While the rate itself drops, the tax bill will not - because the average single family home in Reading's value jumps from \$446,100 in FY 2014 to \$464,200 in FY 2015.

At \$14.71 per thousand, the estimated 2015 property tax bill for the average Reading home valued at \$464,200 will be \$6,828, a 3.70 percent jump from last fiscal year.

The average commercial property valuation in Reading for FY 2015 is \$1,449,700. At \$14.71 per thousand, the estimated 2015 property tax bill for commercial properties is \$21,325 - a .488

percent increase over FY 2014.

While average property tax bills may vary by several thousand dollars from town to town, nearly all are going up, according to an analysis the Department of Revenue recently released.

Since fiscal 2011, the average single-family property tax bill has increased by \$507, or 11.2 percent, the DOR found. In fact, the average bill has risen in each of the past 10 years, with a cumulative percentage increase of 40.6 percent.

The tax bill is influenced by several factors, not the least of which is property value. The average single-family property tax bill in Massachusetts is \$5,044, while the average home is valued at \$357,179, according to Department of Revenue. The average fiscal 2014 rate is \$15.19 per \$1,000 in assessed value.

There are eight communities that saw increases of more than 20 percent in their single-family tax bills from fiscal 2011 to fiscal 2014. They are Avon (28.2 percent), Duxbury (24.6 percent), Douglas (22.4 percent), Tewksbury (21.8 percent), East Bridgewater (21.7 percent), Aquinnah (21.5 percent), Taunton (20.3 percent) and Wilmington (20.3 percent).

Most of those increases are the result of debt exclusion votes, which temporarily increase the levy ceiling. Duxbury, Tewksbury and Wilmington had a combination of debt exclusions and increased use of excess capacity.



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Economy

From S-6

gas next year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That means consumers have more to spend on items like cars, furniture and appliances.

What's more, Americans' finances are in firmer shape. Job growth is accelerating. Businesses are investing in buildings and software, and home building is expected to pick up.

Lower oil prices will also help Europe and Japan, and the global economy should expand faster than it did this year, economists say. But the divergence between the United States and most of the rest of the world is striking and carries some risks. Big exporters, from China to Germany to Japan, will depend heavily on a recovering U.S. to boost their economies.

A pickup in global growth "is highly dependent on the assumption that the U.S. economy continues to improve," said Douglas Porter, chief economist at BMO Capital Markets. "If that doesn't play out, there's not much left for the global economy to fall back on."

Even if the U.S. economy does strengthen further, the rest of the world could struggle. For one thing, faster growth will likely lead the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates in 2015, which could draw more investment from overseas. The inflow of capital would raise the dollar's value and potentially cause destabilizing drops in other currencies. Governments and businesses overseas that borrowed in dollars would find it harder to repay those debts.

The gap between the U.S. and the rest of the world

reflects a fundamental trait of the U.S. economy: It's more insulated from the rest of the world's ups and downs than other major economies are.

Exports account for just 14 percent of U.S. output, the smallest share among the 34 mostly rich members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

One U.S. company largely protected from overseas trends is Globe Specialty Metals, a Miami-based producer of silicon metals that draws 90 percent of its revenue from North America. Its silicon is added to aluminum and rubber parts used in cars, and robust auto sales have boosted the company's revenue.

CEO Jeff Bradley says he's optimistic about 2015. As gas prices have sunk, Americans have been buying more SUVs and pickups, which use more aluminum. Demand for solar power panels is also lifting sales.

"Things are lining up for next year to be one of the best years in the history of our company," Bradley said.

In the United States, consumers are the main drivers of growth. And fortunes are looking up for more households. Employers are on track to add the most jobs in 15 years in 2014. As a percentage of income, Americans' debt has dropped to 2002 levels.

In some ways, the U.S. economy actually benefits from slower growth abroad. Investors in search of safety have plowed money into Treasuries, thereby helping

hold down inflation and U.S. loan rates, including for mortgages. Lower rates, in turn, could fuel more home sales and construction next year.

Stan Humphries, chief economist at Zillow, thinks Americans ages 25 to 34, stung by higher rents, will buy homes in greater numbers by the end of 2015. Mortgage giants Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae have relaxed their down payment requirements, which were a strain for younger would-be buyers. Humphries also thinks developers will build more lower-priced homes that millennials can afford.

Some signs of hope overseas have emerged. Falling oil prices should benefit people in Europe, Japan and China, all of which import oil. And analysts expect the European Central Bank to ramp up its stimulus efforts, possibly by buying government bonds. That step would inject more cash into the economy to boost lending and keep rates low.

The global economy's biggest wild card next year might be Japan. It slid into recession last quarter after a sales tax hike hammered consumer spending. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has delayed a second increase to 2017.

Japan's central bank is buying government bonds and other financial assets in a bid to boost inflation and stimulate growth. Yet so far, wages haven't risen in line with prices, thereby threatening consumer spending.



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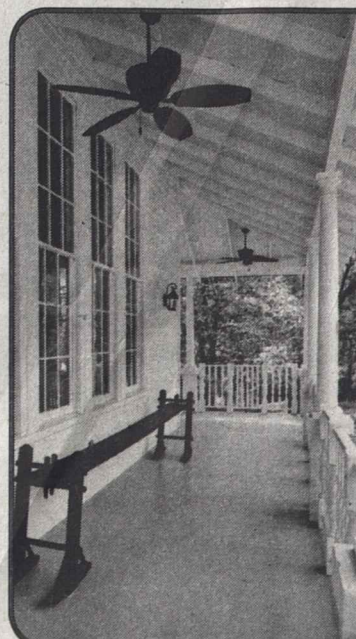
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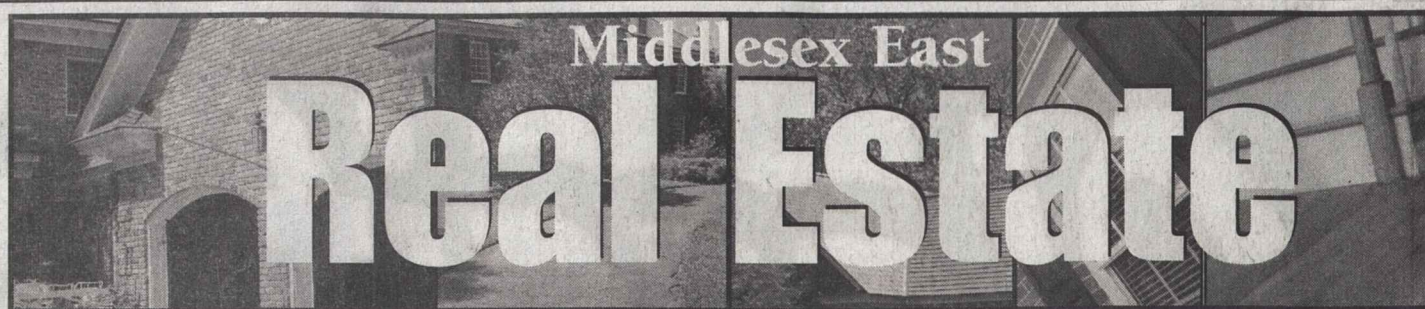
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Transfers To S-5



Glen Eden exudes warmth, Craftsman charm

The Glen Eden is an updated Craftsman home that's well suited for construction in both rural and suburban settings. Eye-catching design elements include multiple gables, shake-textured siding, varied window treatments, and stone-veneer encrusted tapered entry columns capped by welcoming lights.

Its metal roof is more durable than most other roofing materials, while offering above average protection from wind-blown wildfire sparks. This will be most appreciated for homes built as vacation lodges or ranch homes in country settings where fire danger is of greater concern.

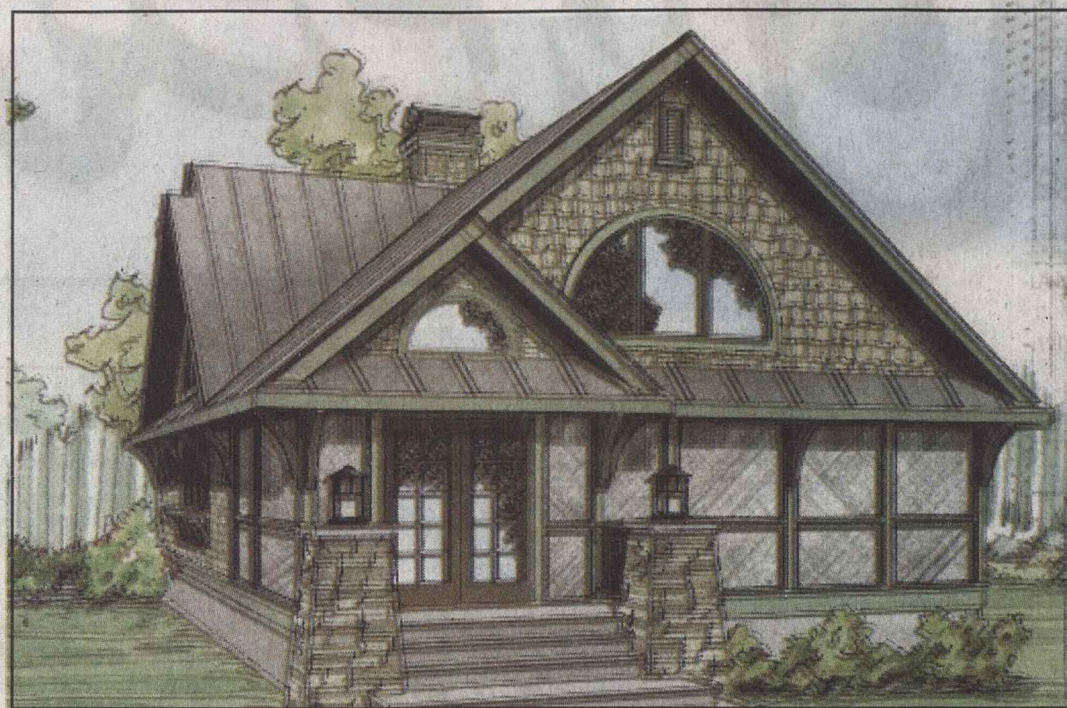
Most rooms are richly glassed and have vaulted ceilings, so the house seems much more spacious than its 1500+ square feet. At the top of the porch steps, a set of French double doors open into a vaulted screened porch. It spans the front and wraps around to the left, where it segues into a windowed hallway leading to a vaulted home office with a private entrance near a mini-bathroom. A good-sized closet fills half of one wall.

From the screened porch, two sets of double doors open into the great room. Flames in the fireplace at its rear serve as a warm, inviting focal point on chilly days and dark nights. Stacked shelves flank the fireplace. The room's vaulted apex runs down the center of the room, lining up perfectly with the center of the fireplace. Walls slope down to the left and right.

Another set of double doors open into the vaulted kitchen off of the screened porch. Counters and built-ins wrap around three sides, while the space they surround is roomy enough for a large family-size table.

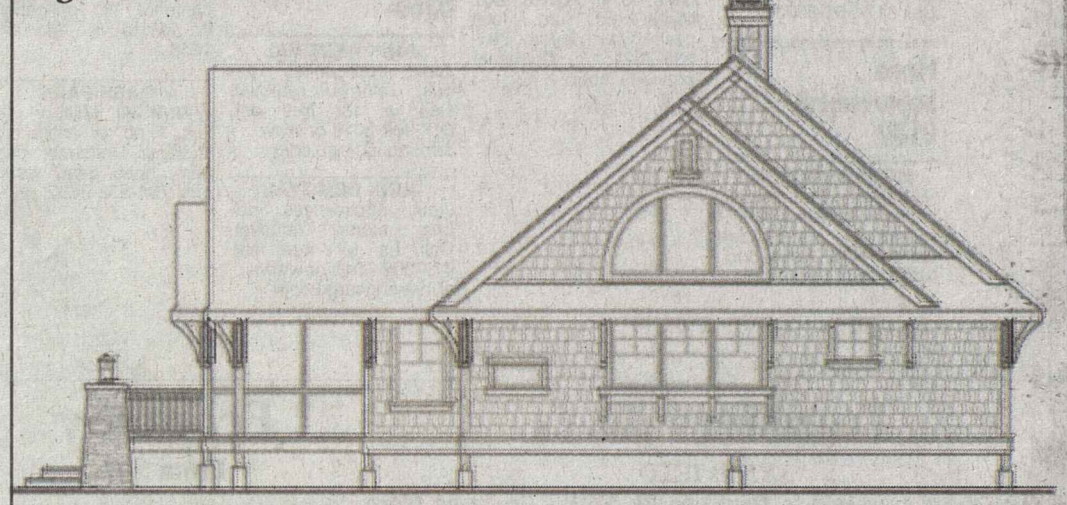
Ceilings slope down rearward in the Glen Eden's vaulted back bedrooms. A bathroom and a laundry room are near-by.

This week's Sampler: Glen Eden

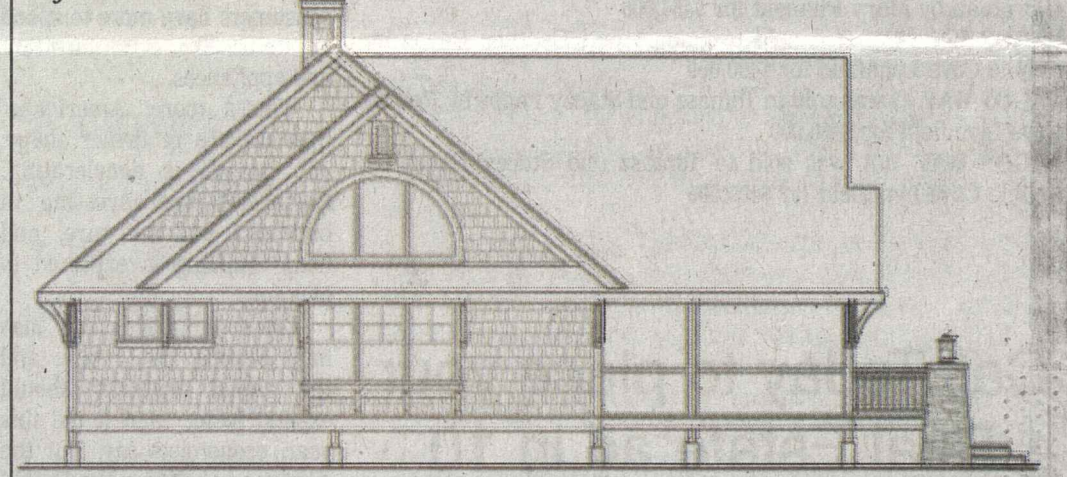


METAL ROOFING ADDS ITS CRISP, CLEAN LINES TO THIS CHARMING CRAFTSMAN UPDATE. Most rooms are richly glassed and have vaulted ceilings, so the house seems much more spacious than its size would indicate. In the great room, the gas fireplace serves as an inviting focal point. Counters and built-ins wrap around three sides of the country-style kitchen.

Right End View



Left End View



2015 U.S. Econmic preview

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